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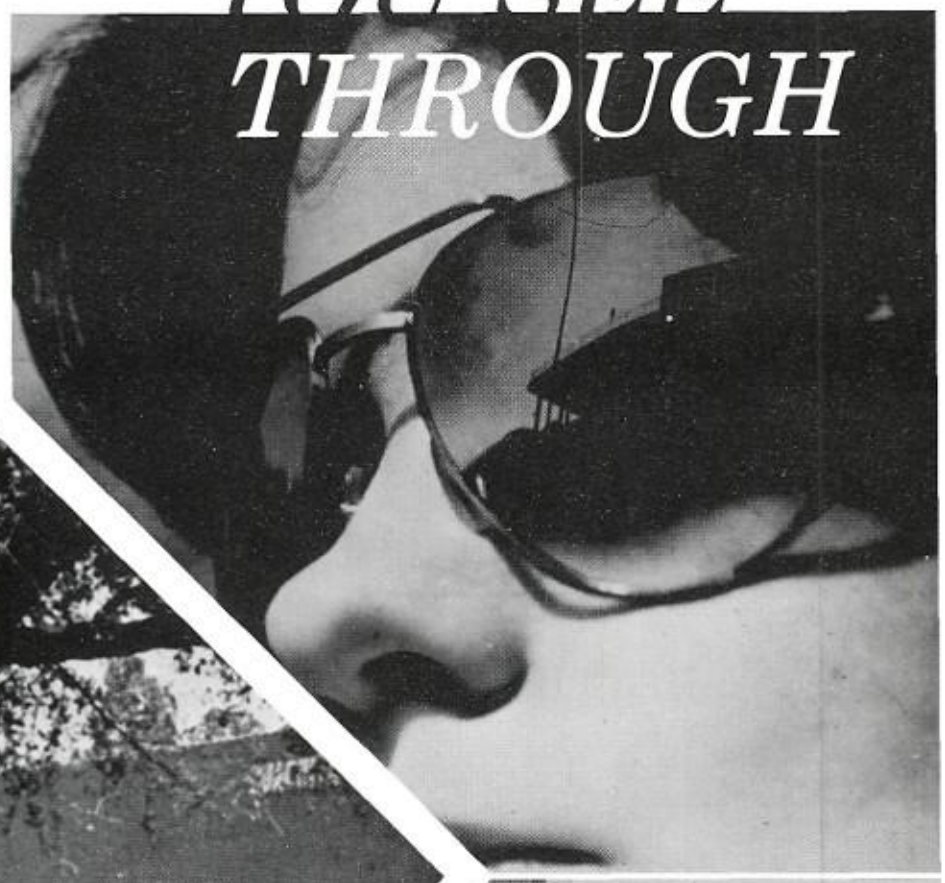

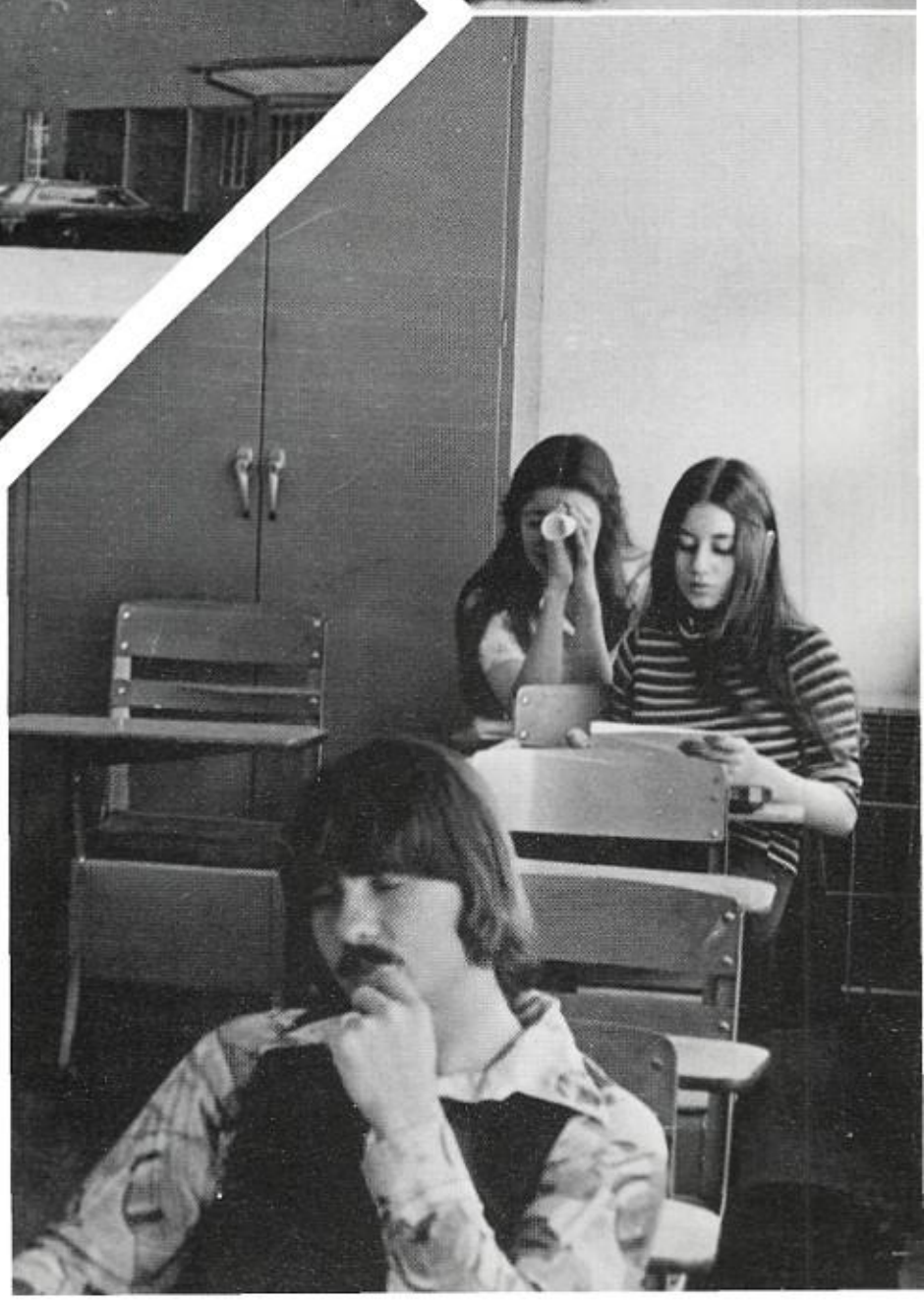

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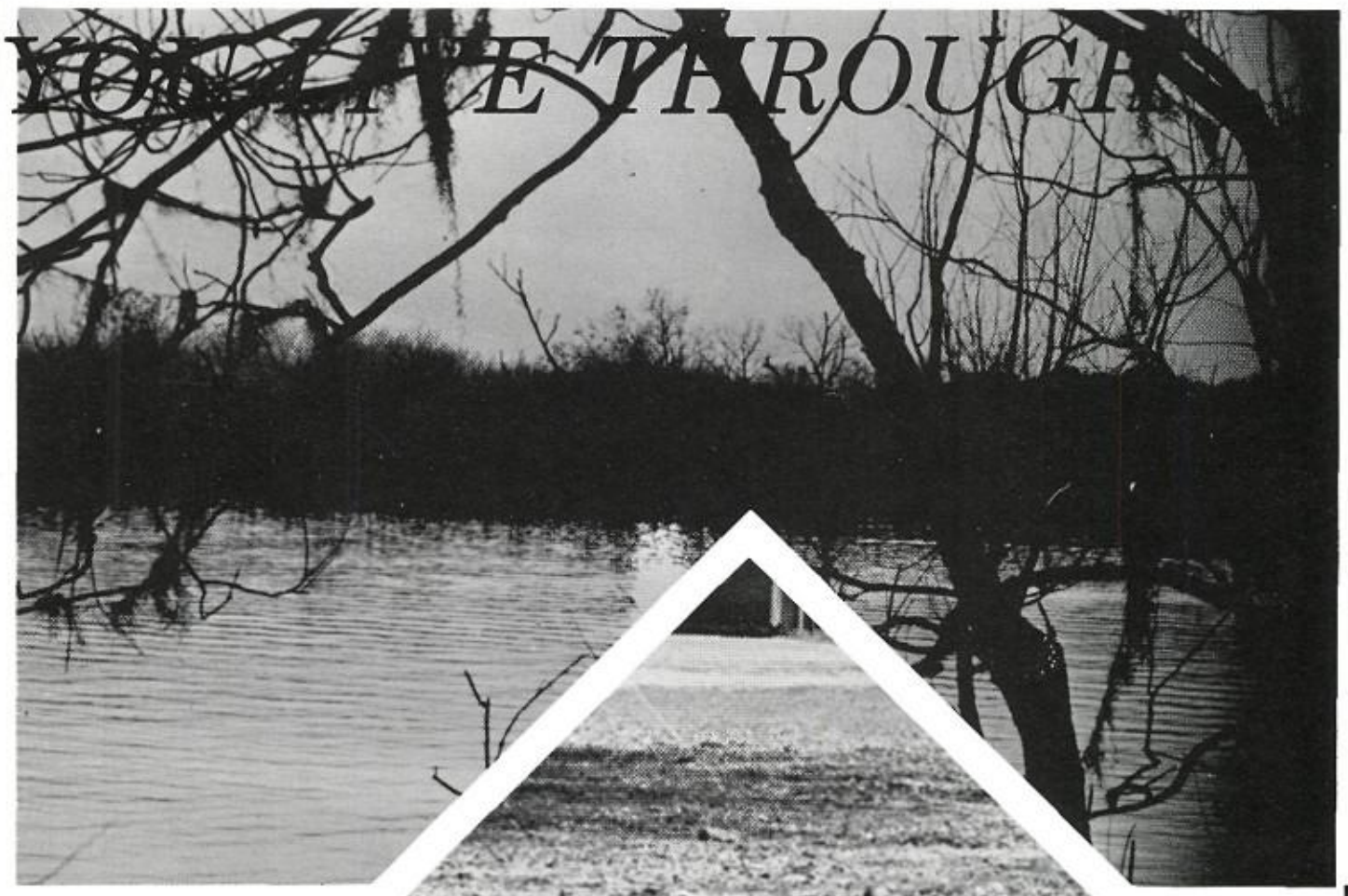

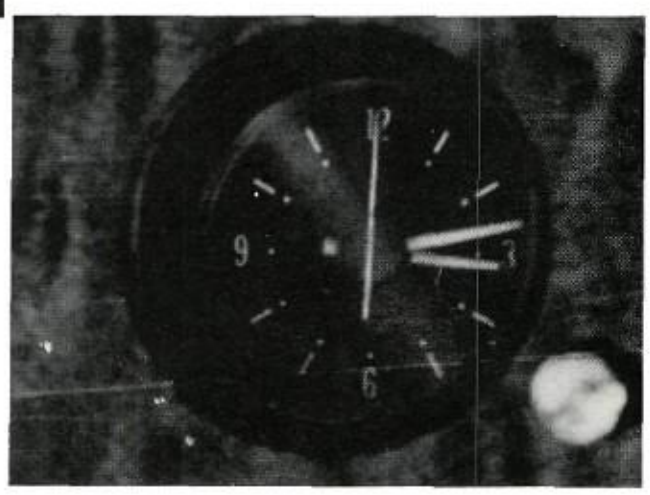

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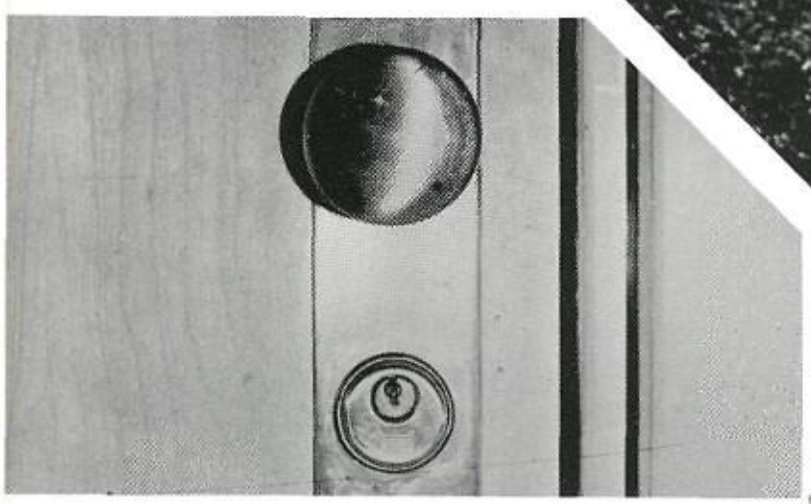

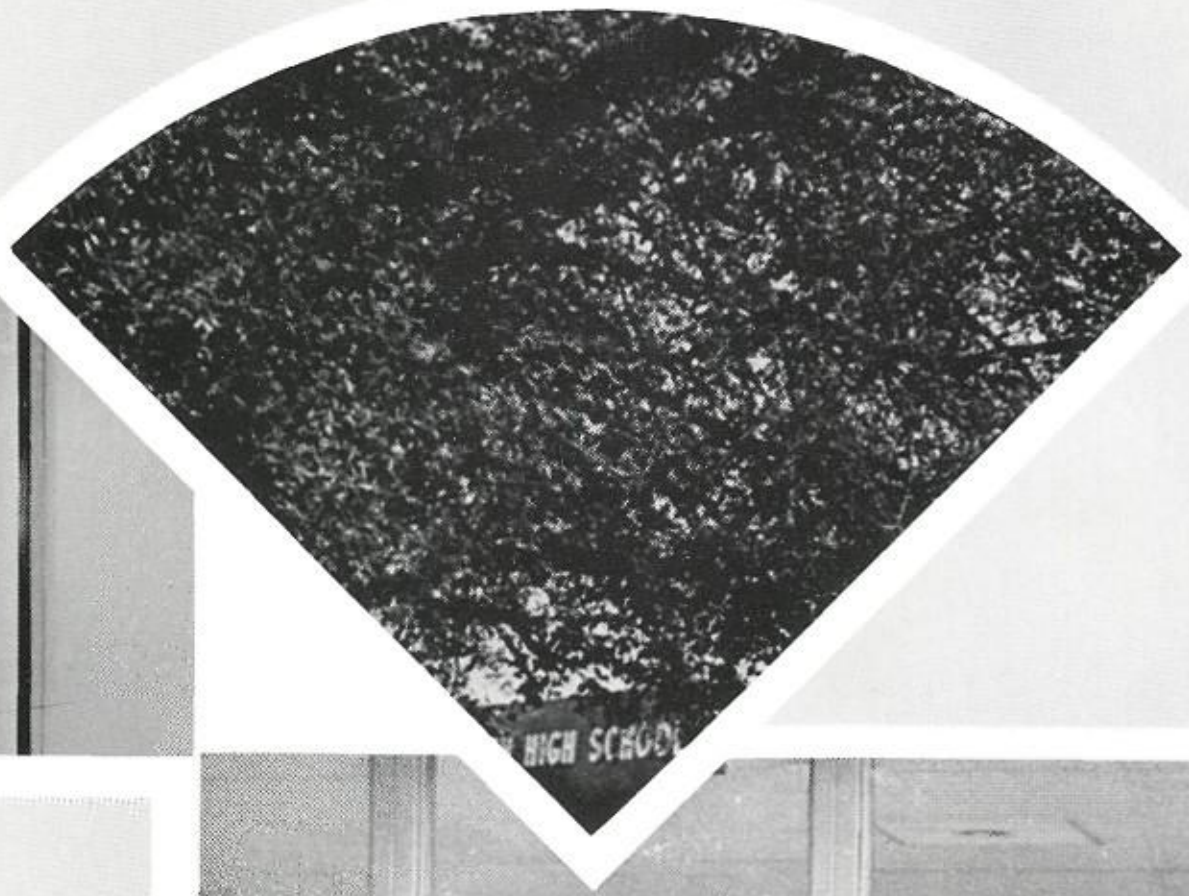

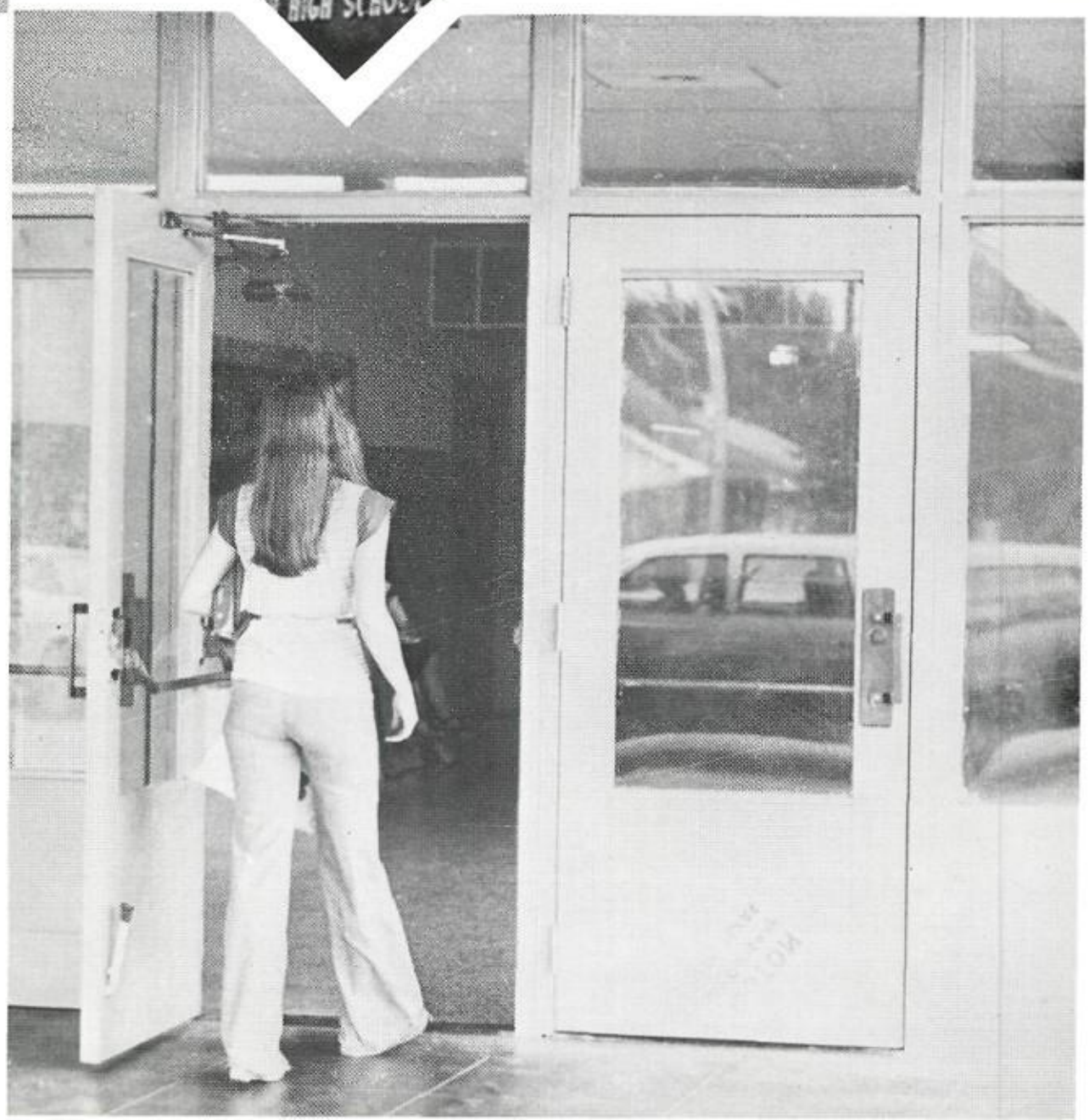

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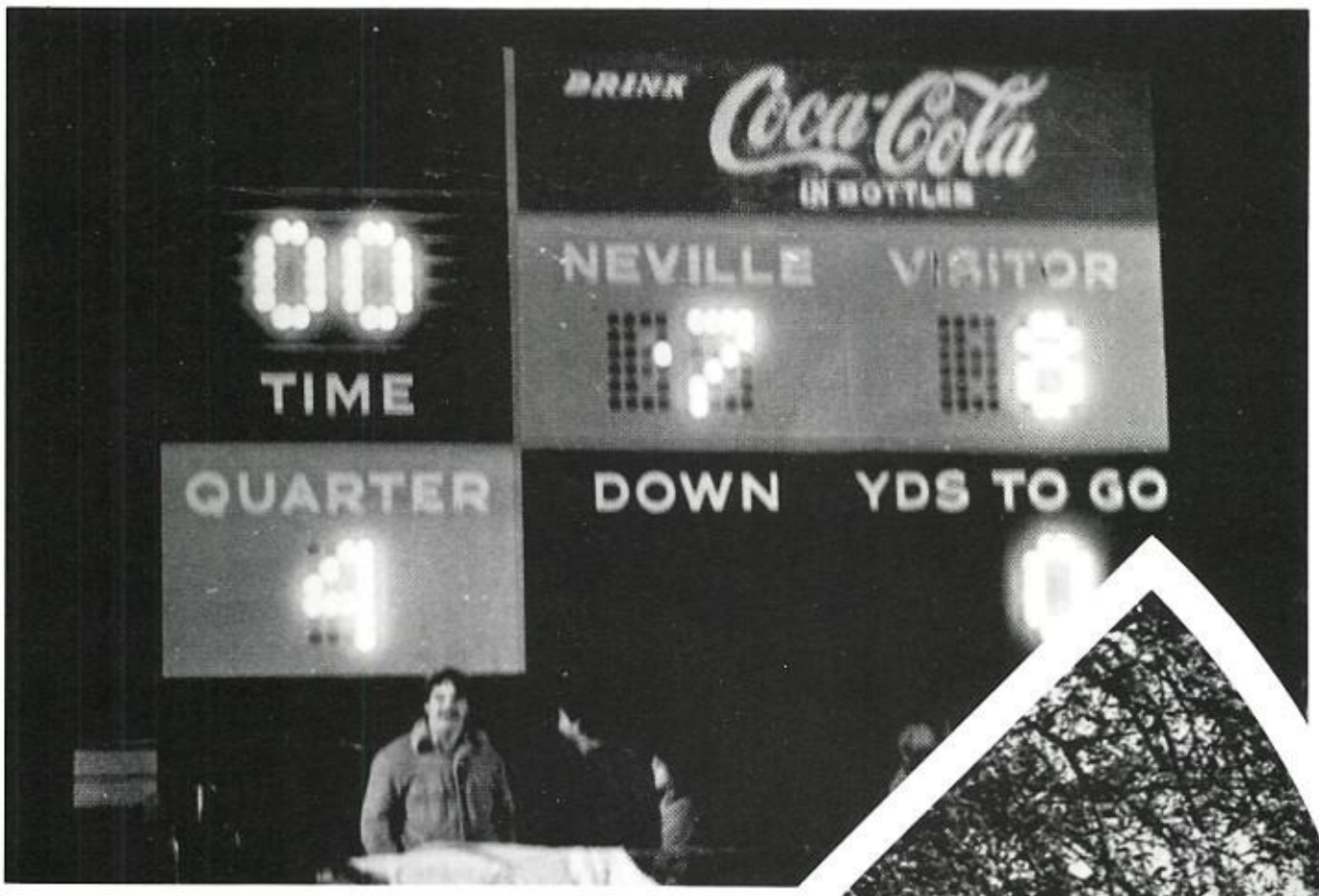

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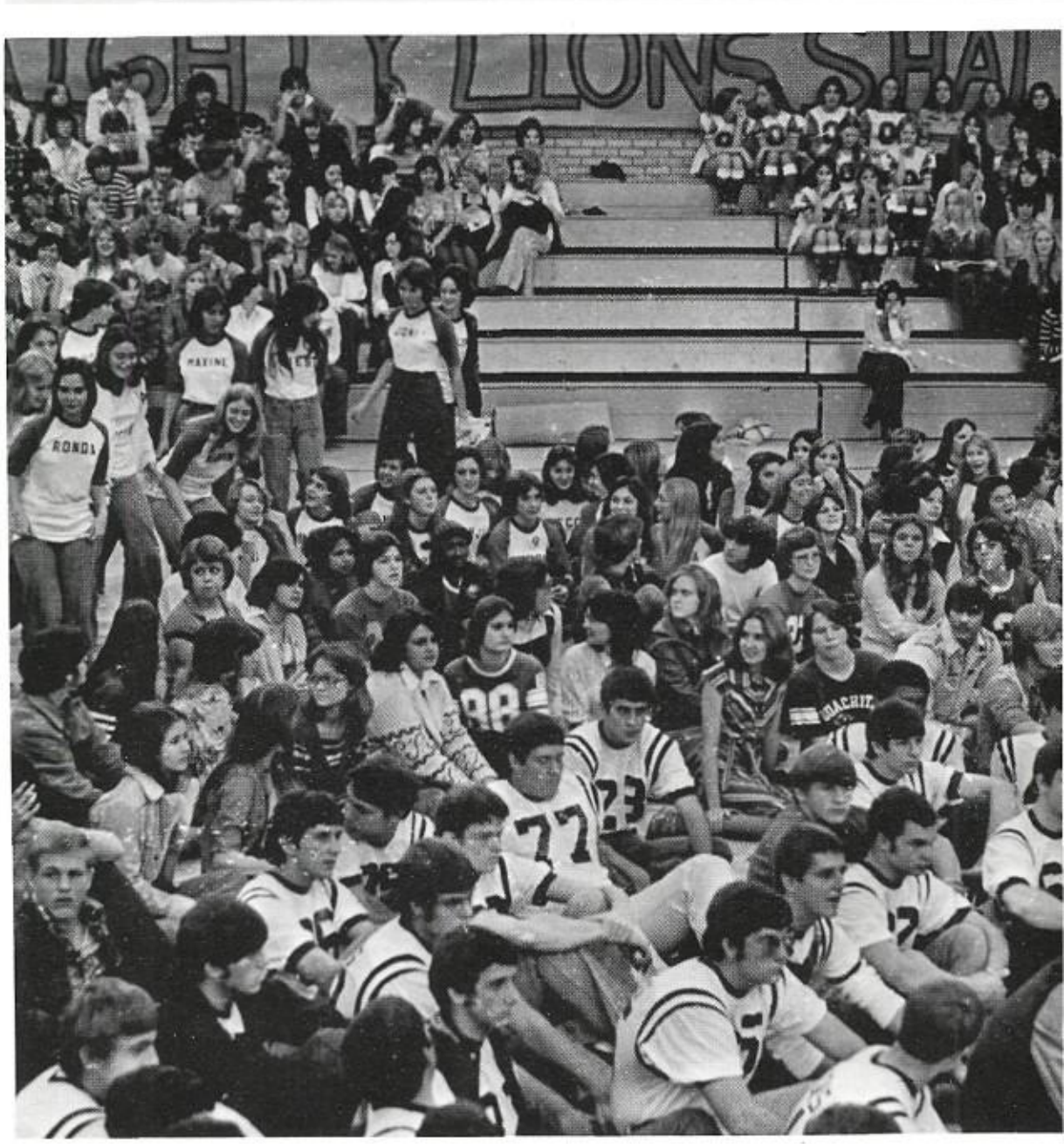

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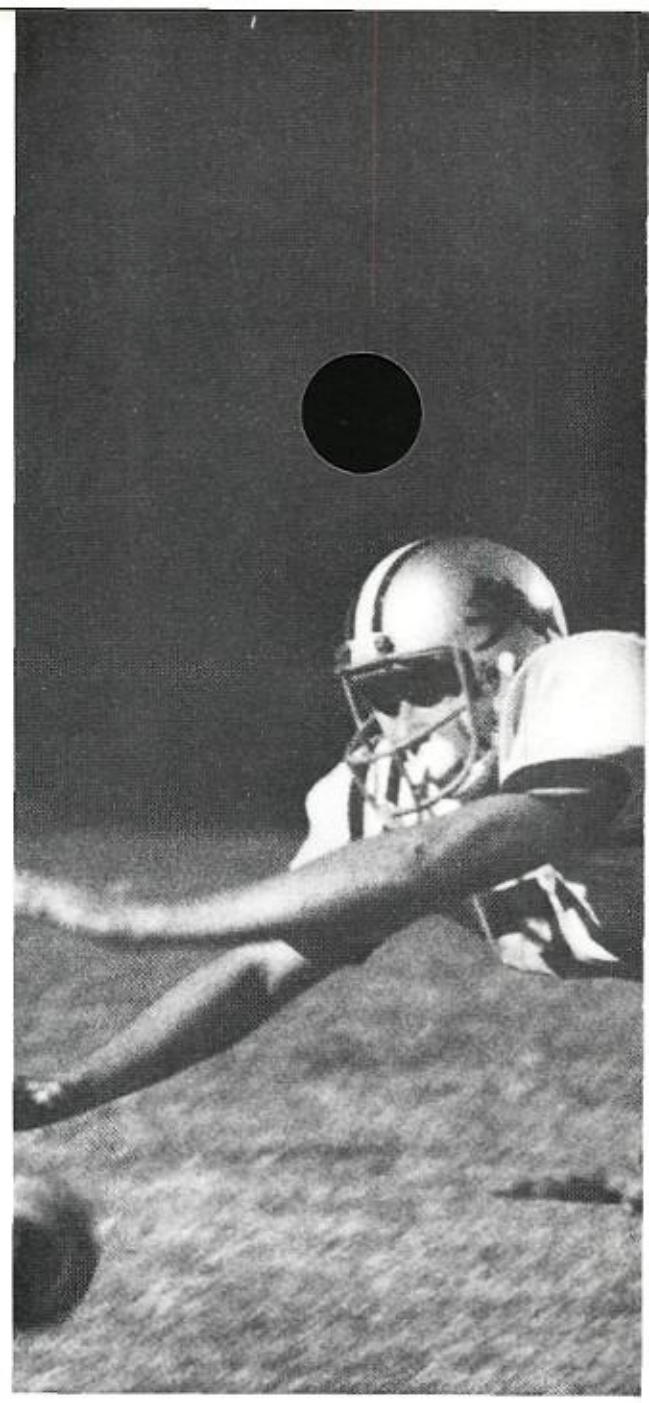
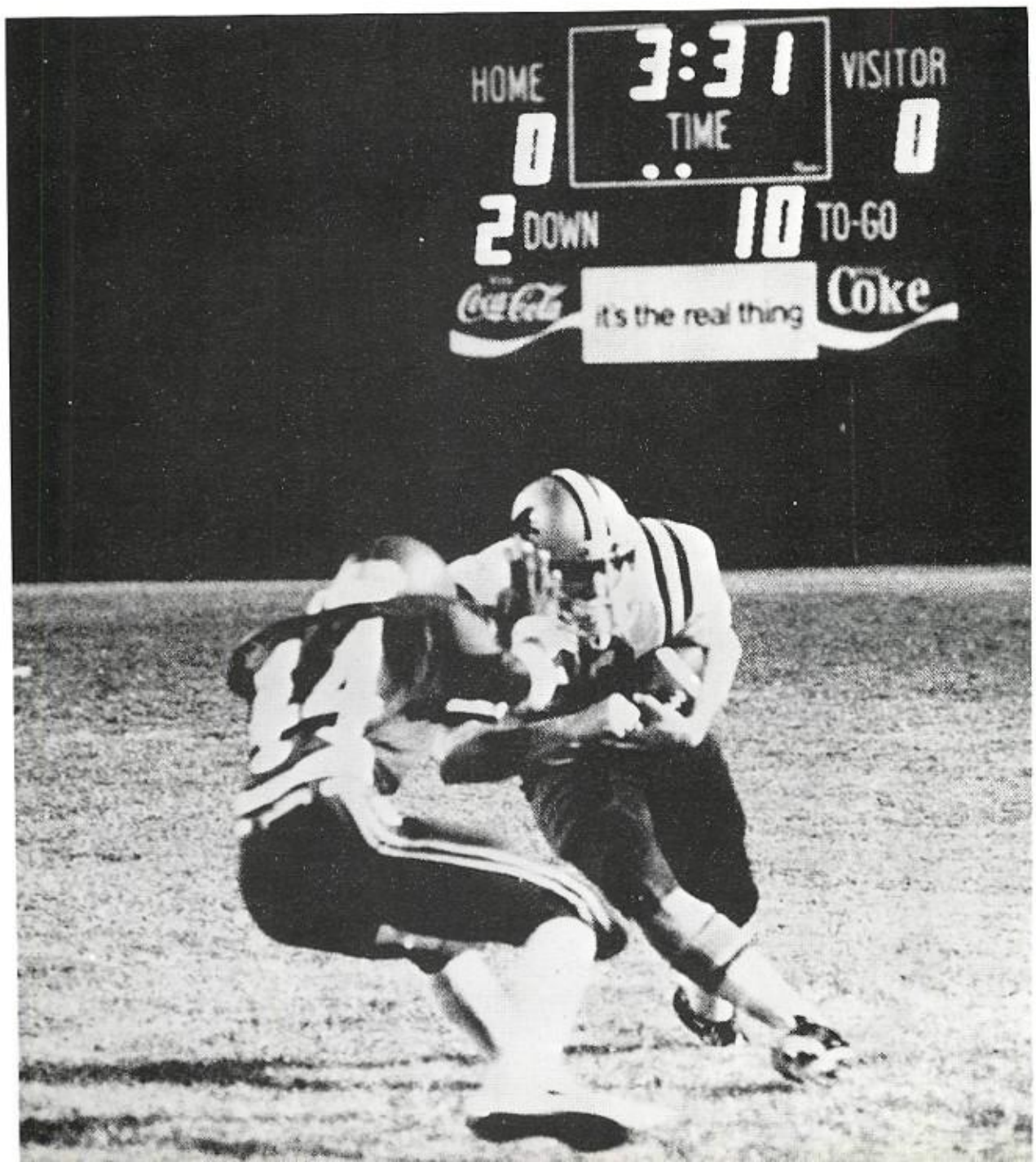
Old Image Plagues Lions As New Season Starts

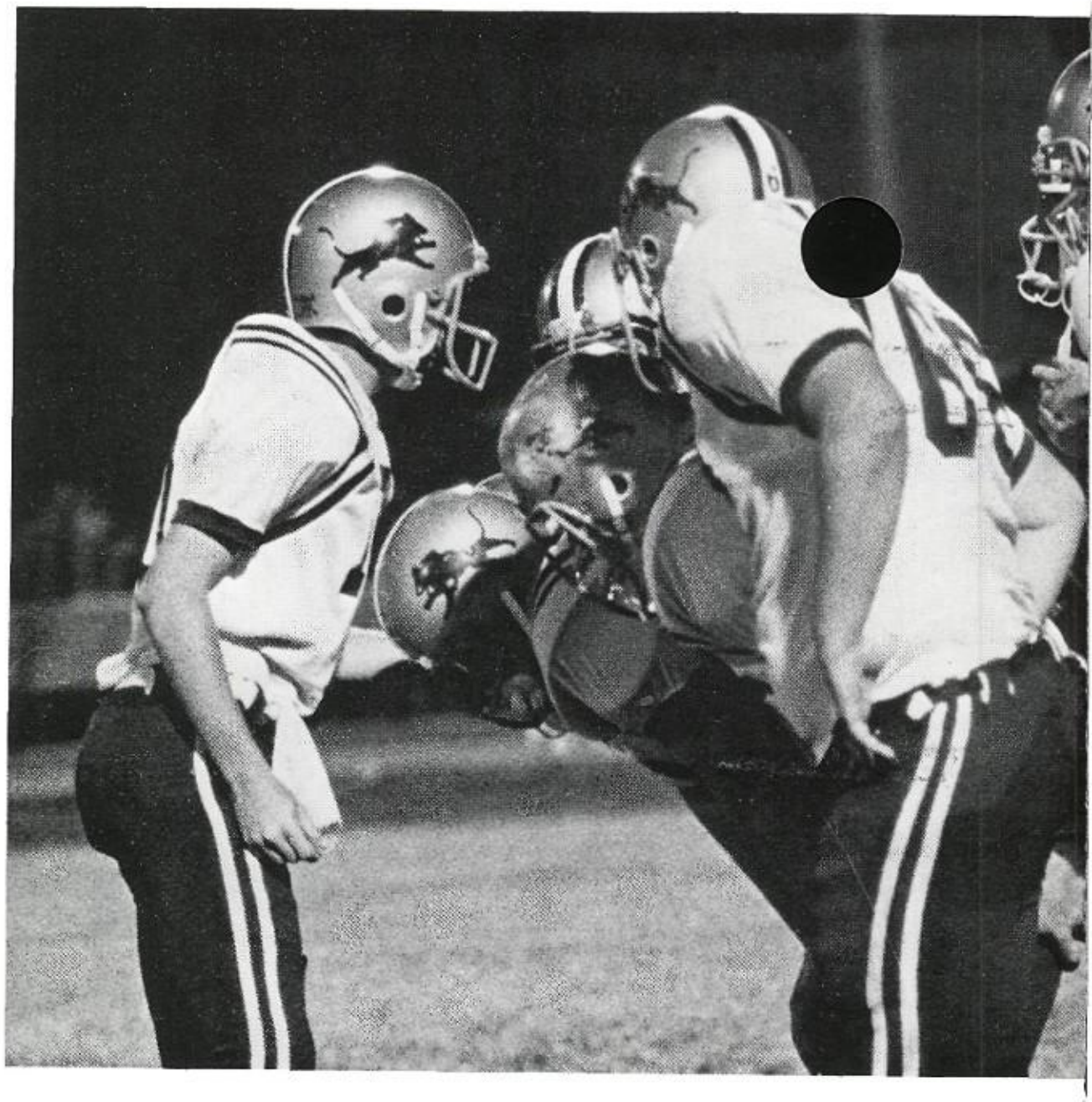
On August 12, 1976 head coach Tom Causey and his three assistants led 56 young men to the practice field as Ouachita's preparations for the 76-77 varsity football season began. A traditional jinx was working against the Lions from the moment they stepped onto the field. The Lions had a humiliating reputation for "losing the big ones." Determined to erase the shameful image, the Fighting Lions set out to prove themselves to their competitors. Pride, hard work, and football fundamentals were stressed the first two weeks during two-a-day practices.

As summer workouts drew to a close, school doors opened once again. The Ouachita student body and Lion boosters anticipated a long-awaited successful football campaign. A whole new season lay ahead, promising exciting football action and a new district champion. Local newspapers chose Carroll or Neville to reign as District 3-AAAA champions. The Lions had other ideas.

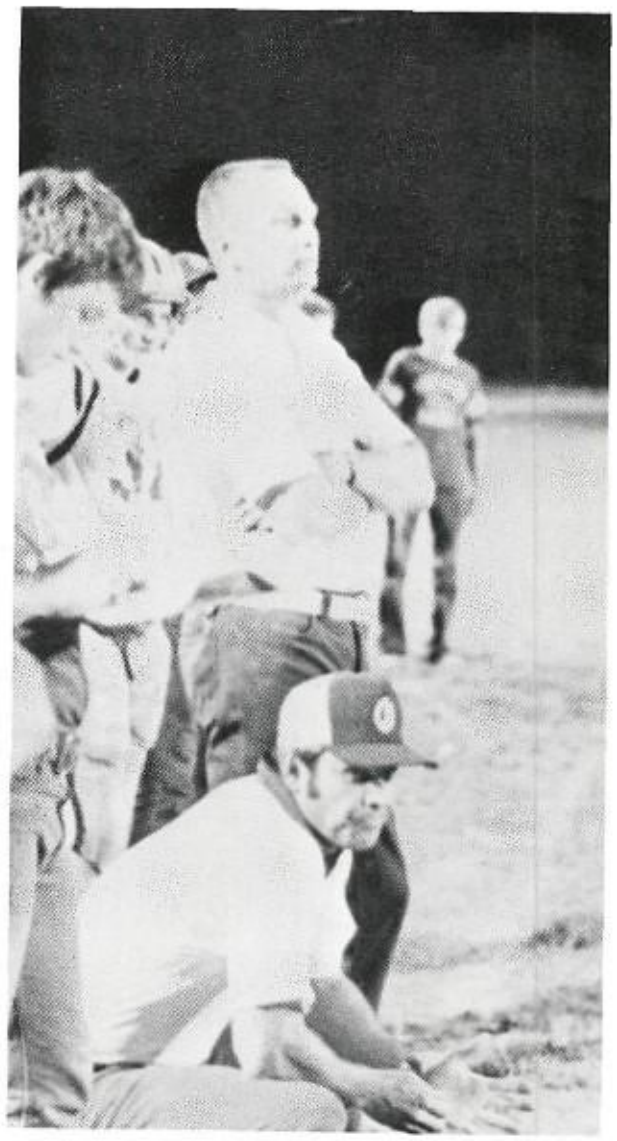


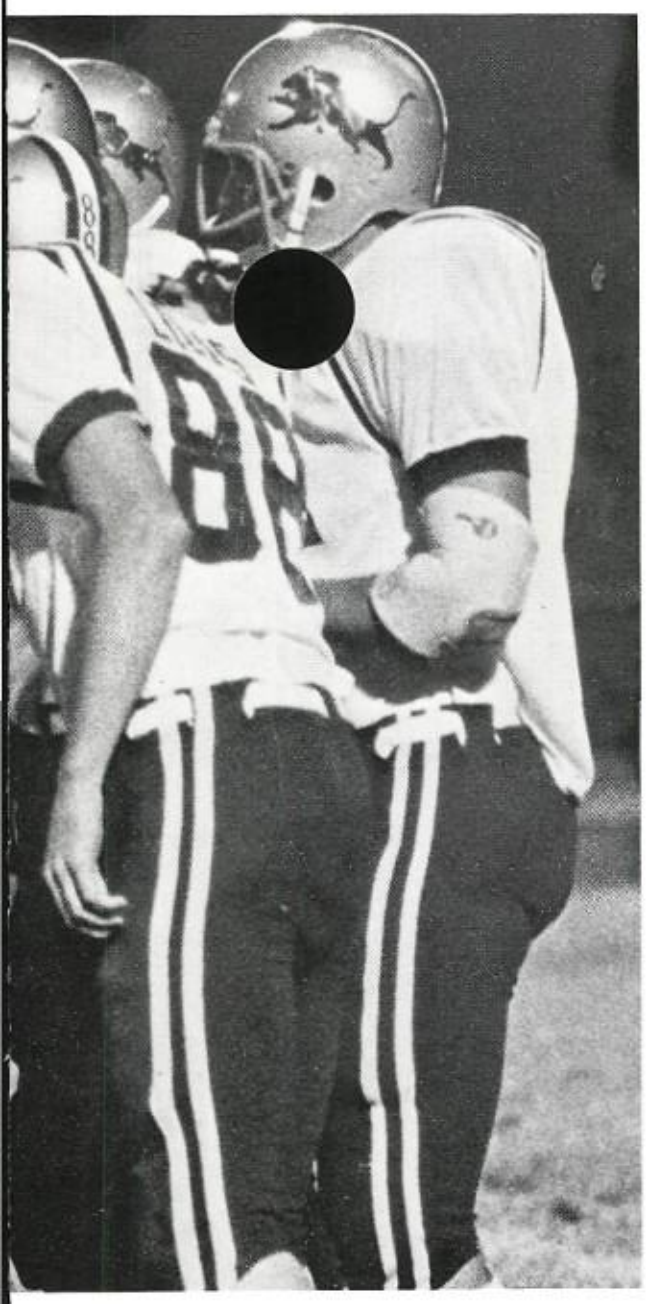


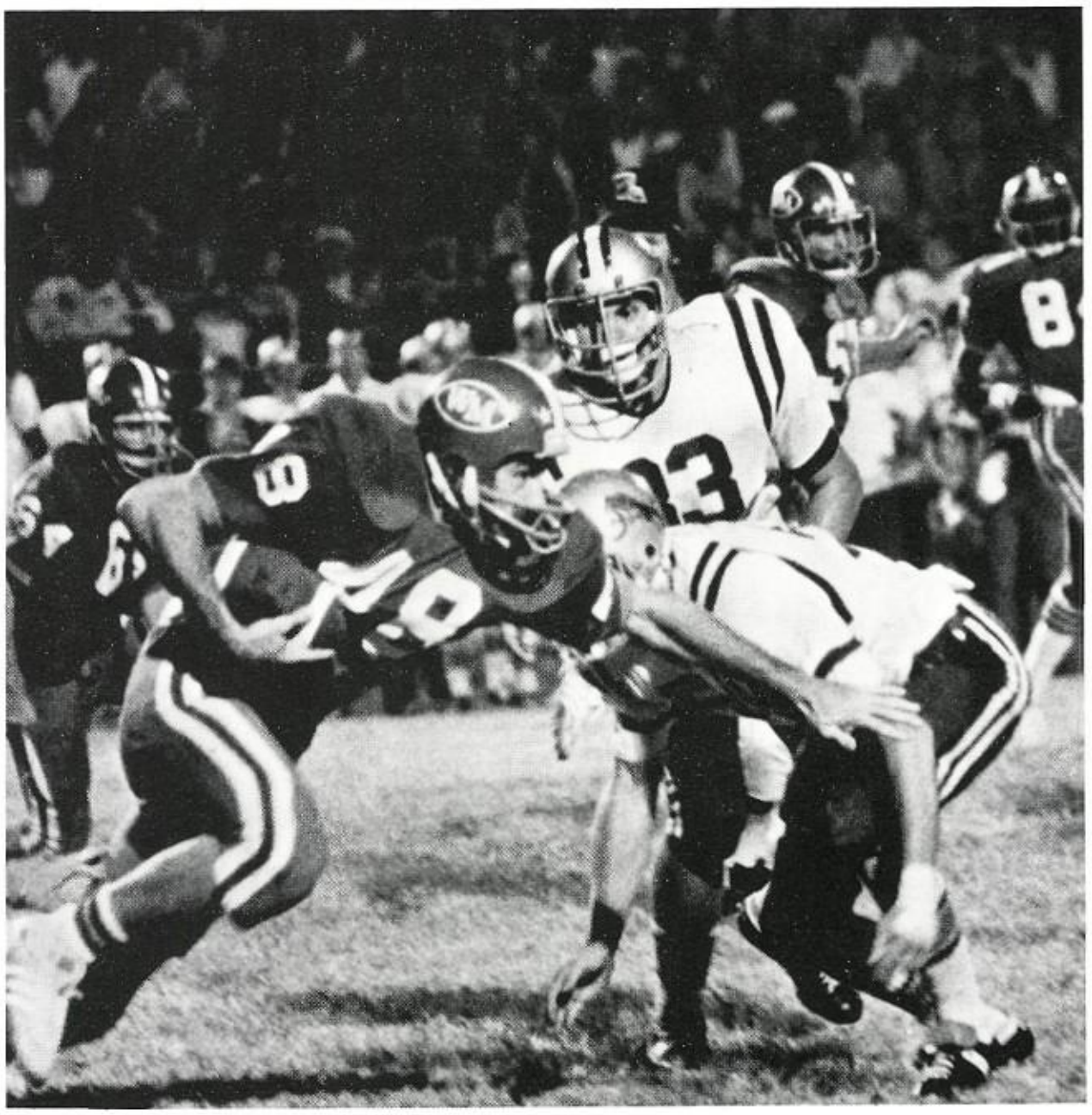
ABOVE LEFT: Gary Taylor and Lanny Spence dive for a fumble as Jack Laird searches for the loose ball. FAR LEFT: Coach Moncrief carefully studies one of the defensive plays of the game. LEFT: A Richwood defensive halfback attempts to stop Brian Johnson as he powers his way for good yardage.

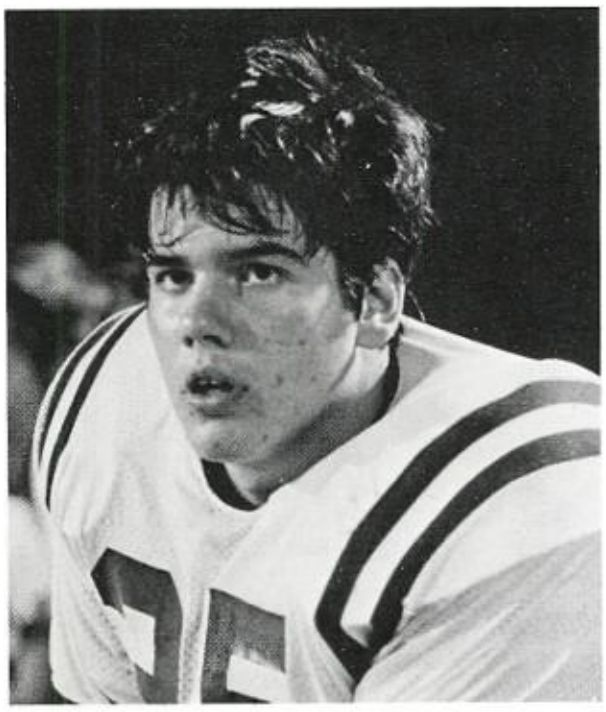


BELOW: Mark Blackwelder, Jack Laird, and Bill Travis try out new merchandise at **H. MICKEL.** For all your sporting needs call **322-0531,** or come by **109 CATALPA.** BELOW RIGHT: Coaches Causey and Ussery contemplate a new battle plan for the offense.









Lions Stumble in Opening Games

Ouachita's jinx held the upper hand through the first four games of the season. After a 7-13 setback at Ruston's hand, the Lions seemed to get on track as they downed district foe Richwood 6-0. But the next two games proved disastrous for the Fighting Lions. Ouachita saw a 14-12 score wither into a loss as the Woodlawn Knights scored with 53 seconds left.

Ouachita's low point was yet to come! Now 1-2 on the year, the Lions played Fair Park in the last of a 3-game homestand. The Lion offense committed numerous turnovers, and the defense turned in a lackluster performance as the Indians rolled to a 0-19 win.

Many Lion supporters expressed their disappointment by booing during the game. Remaining district games were two weeks away, and things looked rough for the Lions.

ABOVE: Defensive player Pat Murphy enjoys the break while the offense drives for a score. TOP: In the last minutes of the Ouachita-Ruston game, Lynn Sullivan calls a pass play. TOP RIGHT: Jeff Marchefski and David Busby, part of Ouachita's stingy defense, leave little room for a West Monroe fullback to advance the ball.

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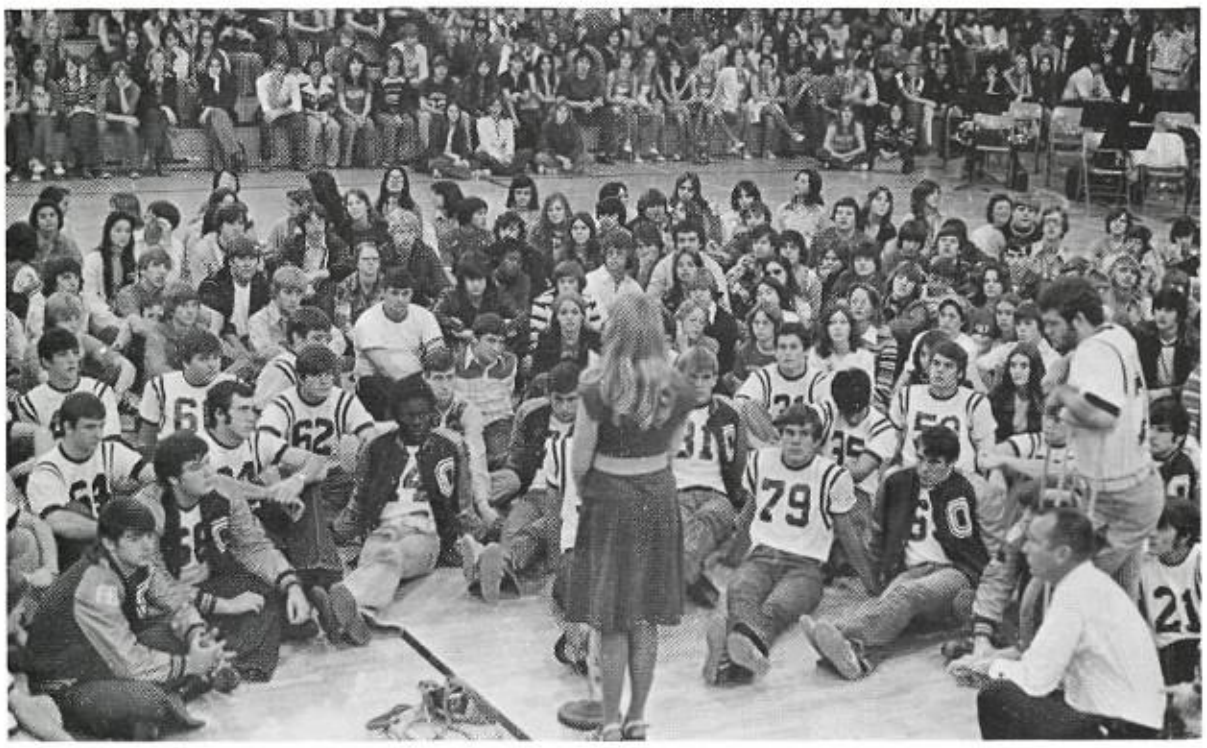


LEFT: Andrea Benton receives personal and friendly service at **CENTRAL BANK**, "You can't beat that!" So drop by any of their locations at **300, 3500,** and **8019 DeSIARD; 700 LOUISVILLE; 1101 N. EIGHTEENTH; 1900 JACKSON** in **MONROE** or **2600 CYPRESS** and **201 TRENTON** in **WEST MONROE,** for service that can't be beat.

Lions Regroup, Head for Showdown With Neville

Ouachita regathered its poise against North Caddo, and emerged 21-0 in a non-district contest. The Lions scored on their first possession as senior Tommy Mathieu raced 64 yards for the opening score. Junior receiver Eddie Gayden hauled in a 21 yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Lynn Sullivan pulling the Lions ahead 14-0 after one quarter. Sullivan added a final score on a 56 yard interception return in the second quarter.

Ouachita then faced three district foes, beginning with Bastrop. The Lions used a brilliant defensive effort and a 71 yard Sullivan-Swihart scoring strike to top the Rams in their homecoming, 9-0. The Lions completed their own unique homecoming with a 7-0 win over West Monroe. This victory placed Ouachita in a showdown battle against unbeaten Carroll. Both the Lions and Bulldogs placed perfect 3-0 district records on the line, along with Carroll's number four ranking in the Louisiana sports-writers poll. Playing on a cold rainy night, Ouachita used two fourth-quarter touchdowns to stun the Bulldogs 12-6. Senior Gary Taylor burst 13 yards with a senior Rusty Lucas pitch for the Lions' first score of the evening. With a 6-6 tie, seniors Jack Laird and Jeff Marchefski blocked their second punt of the night. Marchefski recovered the ball in the endzone for the Lions' second and winning TD of the game. Lion fans rejoiced as Ouachita held the lead in District 3-AAAA, with a 4-0 record.

After Carroll, the Lions journeyed to Baton Rouge for a non-district encounter with Central High. Once again Ouachita employed comeback tactics taking a 21-10 triumph in the Chief's homecoming.

Tommy Mathieu raised the tally twice on runs of 53 and 90 yards, with fellow senior Brian Johnson grinding out a third score. The victory extended Ouachita's winning streak to five in a row with arch-rival Neville remaining in the season finale.

Playoff Hopes Put On Line

With a 4-0 district record, Ouachita appeared to have a playoff spot wrapped up. But a loss to Neville would throw the district race into a three-way tie for first. If that happened, a new point system would go into effect, and Ouachita might possibly miss the playoffs. Neville had to beat the Lions by at least six points to clinch a berth.

Entering the game, Ouachita had two major obstacles. First, the game was to be played at Tiger Stadium. The second barrier was a 27 year hex the Tigers held on the Lions. Ouachita had not beaten Neville since 1949; but more than just whipping Neville rode on this game. The district crown was at stake, one the Lions wanted to wear badly.

Lions Bring Home Honors

Honors were plentiful in 1976 as Ouachita placed five players on the all-district team and one on the all-state team. Scott Ingram was selected first-team All-State defensive tackle for his efforts throughout the year. Robbie Stewart, Joe Frandsen, Mark Blackwelder, Scott Ingram, and David Busby represented the Lions on the 3-AAAA All-District team. Coach Tom Causey was voted Coach-of-the-Year in the district while Stewart and Ingram were picked as players of the year on offense and defense respectively.

At the annual football awards banquet several seniors were recognized for their outstanding service to the team throughout the season. Award winners were Scott Ingram, MVP and team captain; Tommy Mathieu, Speciality Award; Gary Taylor, Coaches Award; Brian Johnson, Best Offensive Back; Mark Blackwelder, Best Defensive Back; and Scholastic Award; Robbie Stewart, Best Offensive Linesman; and David Busby, Best Defensive Linesman.

A special award was presented to Mr. Bob Stewart for his excellent service to the Lion football team and the Lion Booster Club.

LEFT: Junior Mike Tannehill cracks a smile as hours of hard work produce a letter jacket. FAR LEFT: These six seniors proved to be the heart of the Lions in 1976. From left to right are David Busby, Gary Taylor, Tommy Mathieu, Mark Blackwelder, Robbie Stewart, and Scott Ingram. ABOVE LEFT: Coach Causey presents Mr. Bob Stewart with a letter jacket for his enthusiastic support of the Lions. TOP: Connie McCain, Kim Stites, Susan Ensminger, Cindy Bennett, and Pam Puckett flash big smiles and small footballs after the banquet.

District Coach of the Year

Tom Causey

Lions Close Out 27 Years of Frustrations; Stun Tigers for 3-AAAA Laurels

November 12, 1976. Over 9,000 people jammed Tiger Stadium for the annual shootout between Ouachita and Neville. Emotions ran high prior to the game as the district championship was on the line.

The fireworks started early in the first quarter when Lynn Sullivan kept the ball on an option and galloped 71 yards to the Tiger 9. The next three plays netted 5 yards, and a missed field goal left the Lions scoreless.

Following a second Lion field goal attempt, the Tigers marched 56 yards in the second quarter for their only score of the night. Late in the first half, Ouachita found itself in striking distance when Tommy Mathieu returned a Neville punt 28 yards to Tiger 20. But a holding penalty and a Tiger interception halted the scoring threat. That ended the half, with the Lions trailing 0-7.

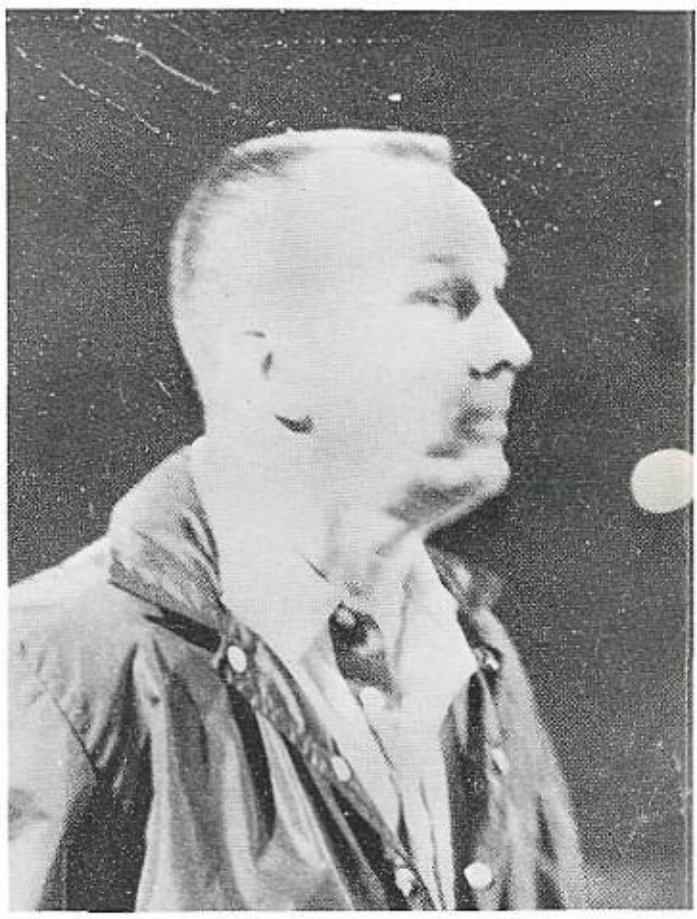
The third quarter proved to be a defensive struggle as both teams had trouble mounting any type of offensive scare. The fourth quarter began with the Lions needing a score to advance to the play offs. Ouachita's big break came with 4:56 remaining in the game, when Mike Tannehill recovered a Tiger fumble on the Neville five yard line. Gary Taylor plunged over from the one, three plays later, and the Lions were behind by a single point.

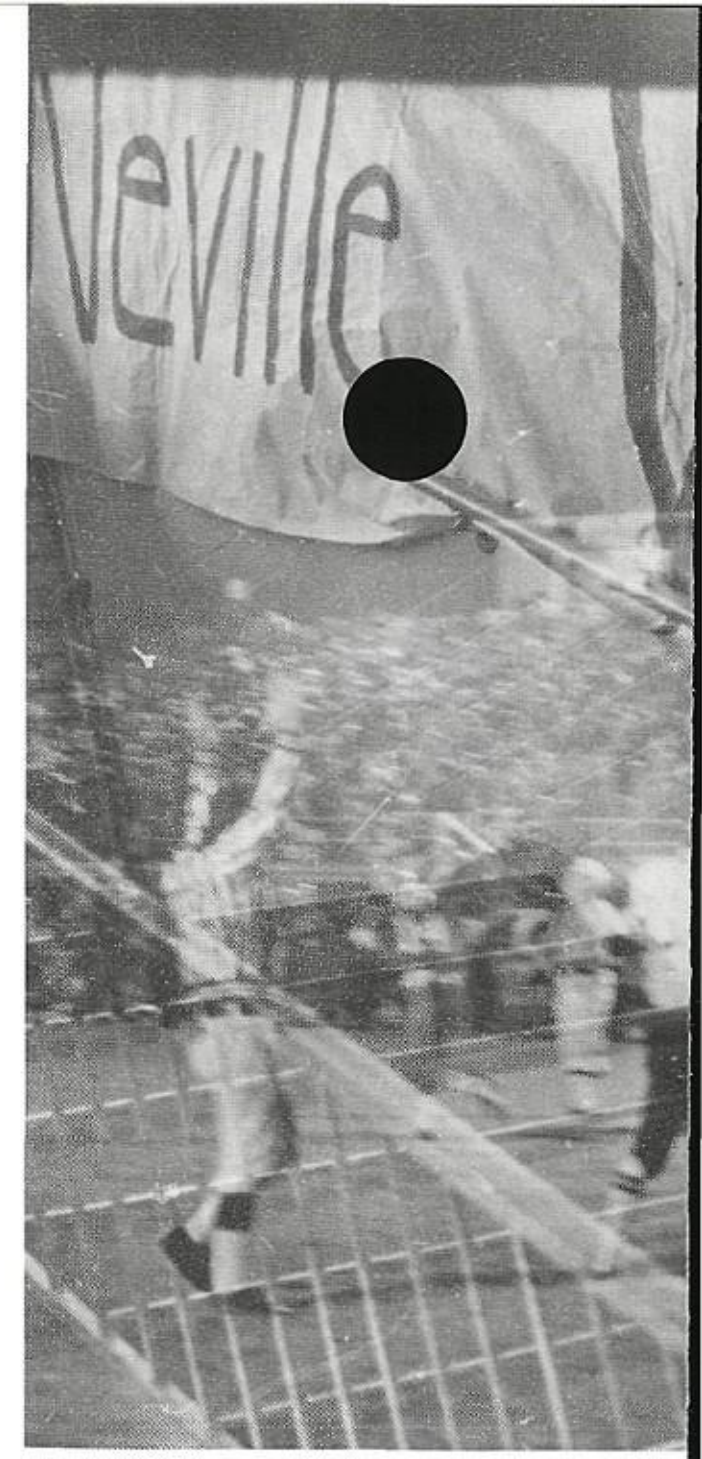
The decision to go for two was easy. Rusty Lucas took the snap and pitched to Brian Johnson who was immediately met by four Tiger defenders short of the goal line. Thinking quickly, Johnson tossed back to Lucas, who went untouched into the end zone: Ouachita 8, Neville 7.

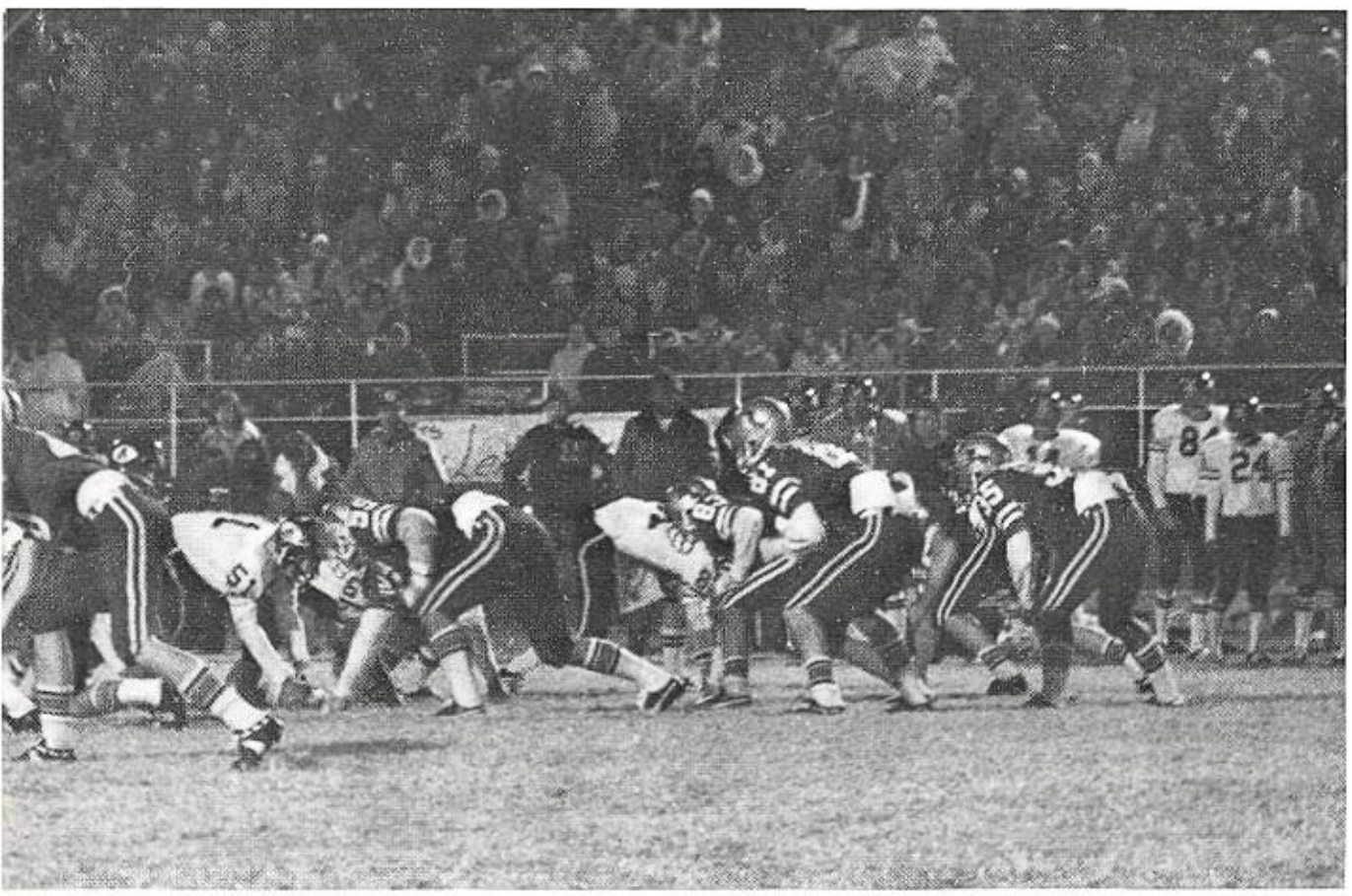
The Lions faithful roared their approval! Tension mounted when Neville returned the kick-off to midfield. On a second down and 10 situation, safety Gary Taylor stripped the Neville tight end of the ball and Mark Blackwelder stepped in to intercept for the Lions. With Neville having no remaining time-outs, the Ouachita offense worked the clock, picking up two crucial first downs.

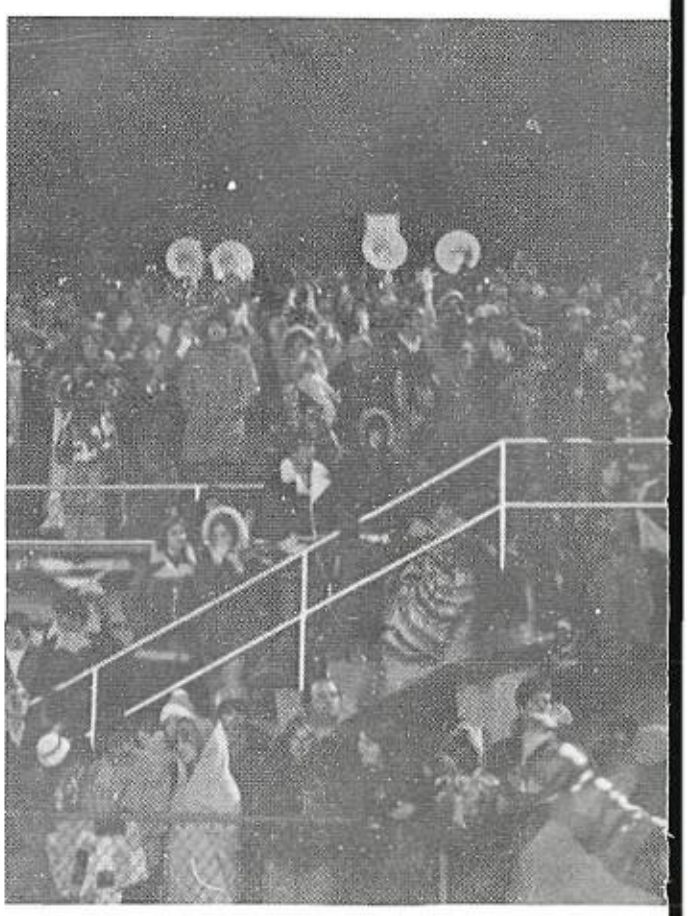
As the final seconds ticked off, hundreds of Lion fans flooded the field to rejoice with their Lions. Twenty-seven years of frustrations were over! Ouachita had prevailed, 8-7. The win upped the Lions' record to 7-3 overall and a perfect 5-0 slate in district contests.

The District 3-AAAA Championship belonged to the Lions! But more importantly, the victory earned Ouachita a berth in the State Playoffs.









ABOVE: Ouachita fans pour onto the field to celebrate with their Lions the 8-7 win over Neville. ABOVE LEFT: Ouachita's hard-nose defense is set to stop another Tiger play early in the fourth quarter. TOP FAR LEFT: Coach Tom Causey looks on with pride as his scrappy Lion team wraps up the district championship. TOP LEFT: The Lions roar onto the field for their annual shootout with Neville. TOP: Twenty-seven years of frustrations are over, and Ouachita is "King of the Jungle" as Rusty Lucas plunges over for the winning two points.

Scott Ingram

District Players of the Year

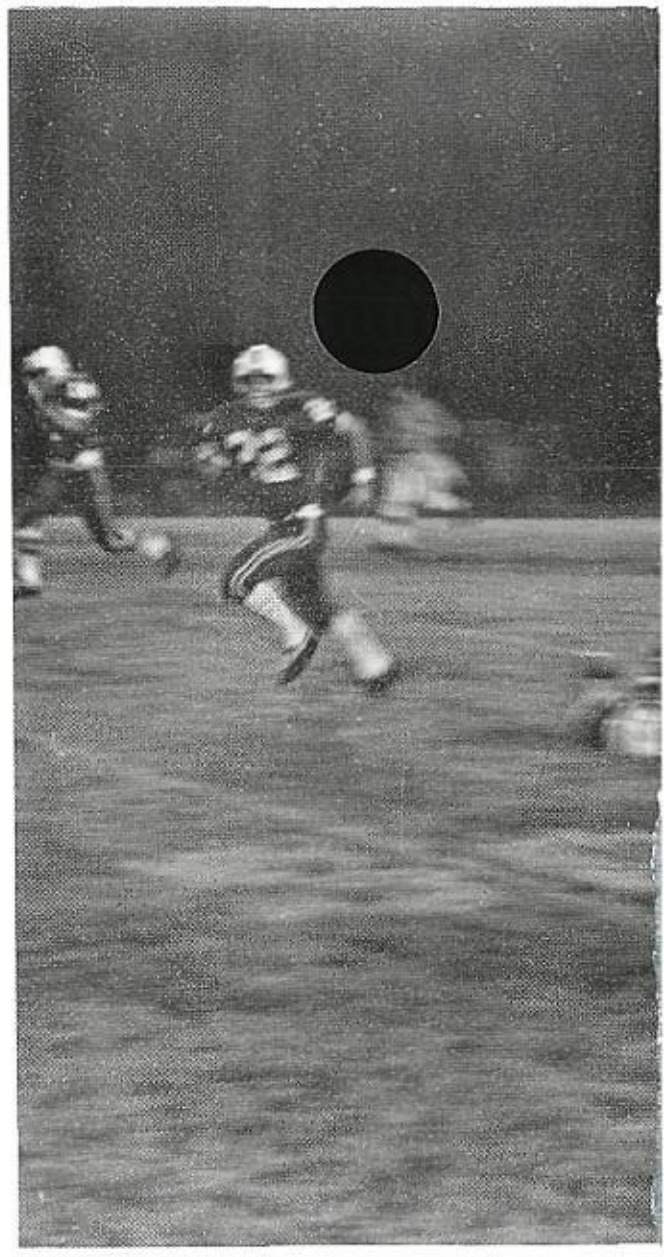
Robbie Stewart

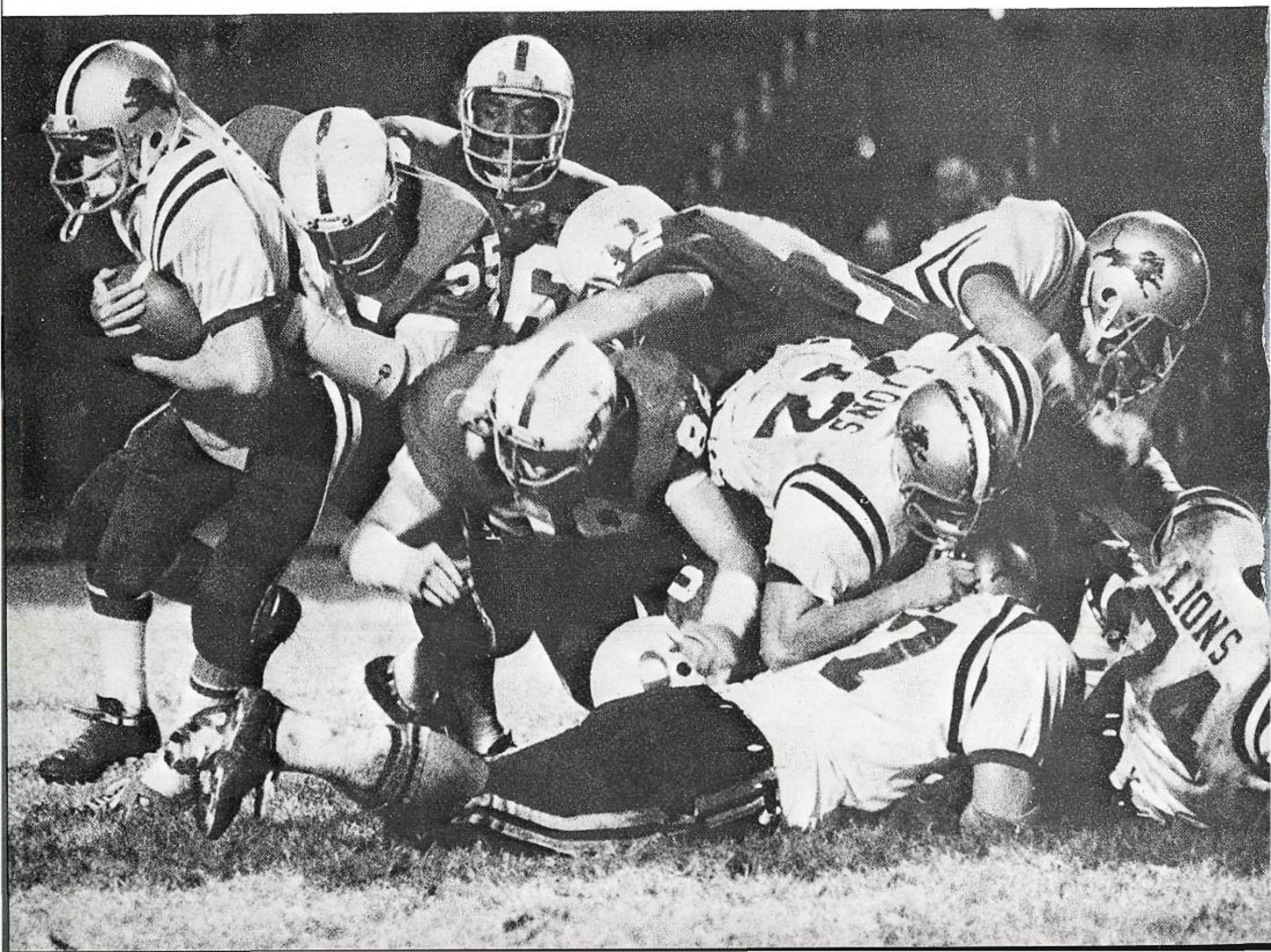
Lions Clout DeRidder In Bi-District Tilt

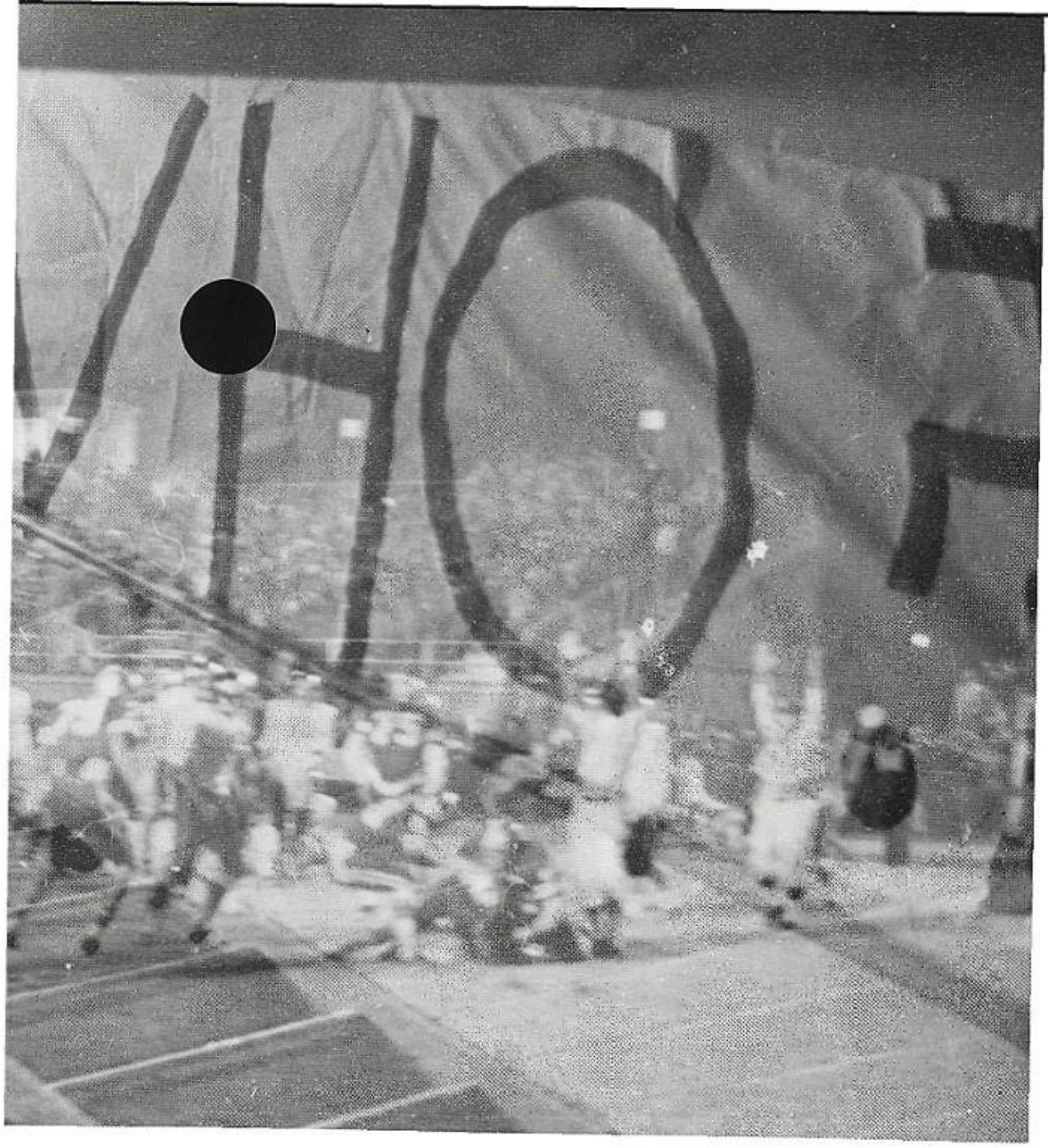
Ouachita played host to the DeRidder Dragons in the first round of state playoffs. The Dragons were led by the state's leading rusher and carried a 9-1 record into the game.

Excitement started early as fleet-footed Tommy Mathieu returned the opening kick-off to the Dragon 19. Quarterback Lynn Sullivan scored six plays later and the Lions jumped to a quick 7-0 lead. DeRidder bobbled the ball on their first offensive play and David Busby recovered the loose pigskin for the Lions at the Dragon 15. David Smith ran it over from the two and Lions were in command 14-0.

DeRidder never got the offense in gear as the Lion defense completely dominated the Dragon line. David Smith scored his second touchdown of the night to cap a 56 yard scoring march in the third quarter. DeRidder scored their lone touchdown early in the fourth quarter; but it wasn't enough as Ouachita had won their first playoff game an even 20-6.







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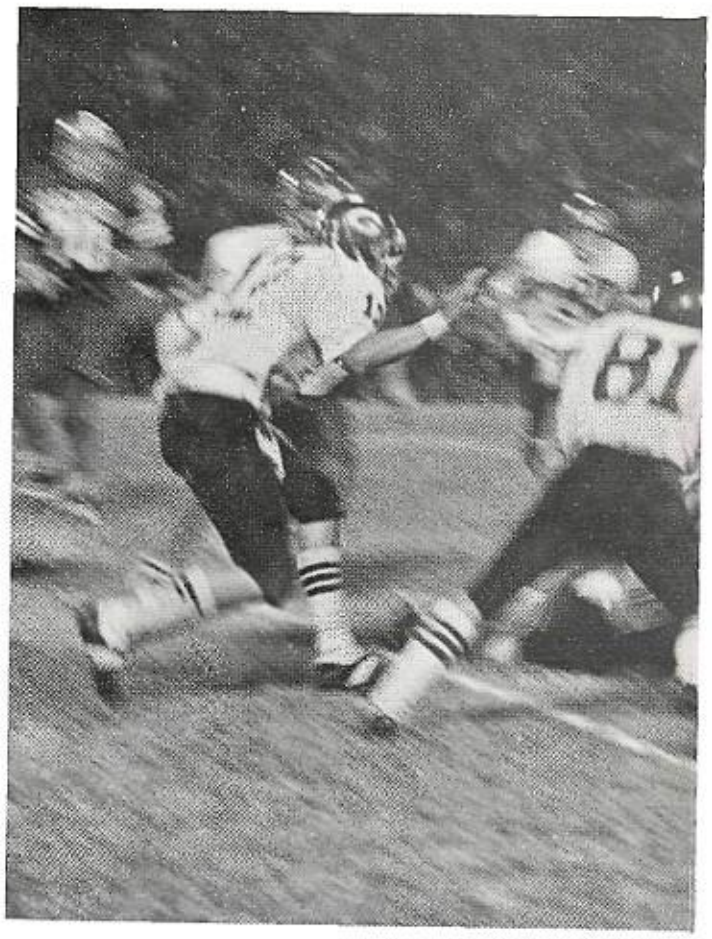

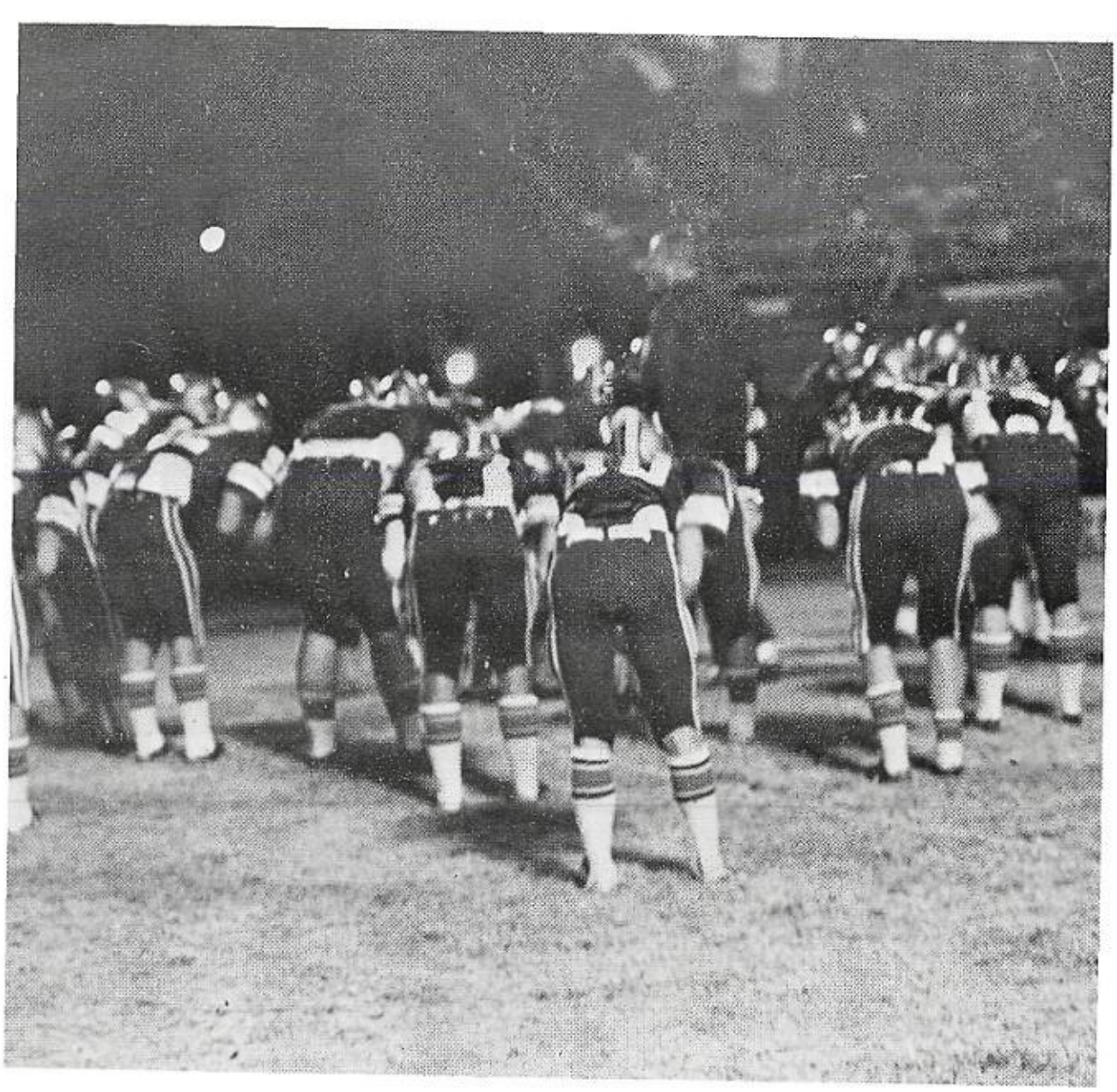

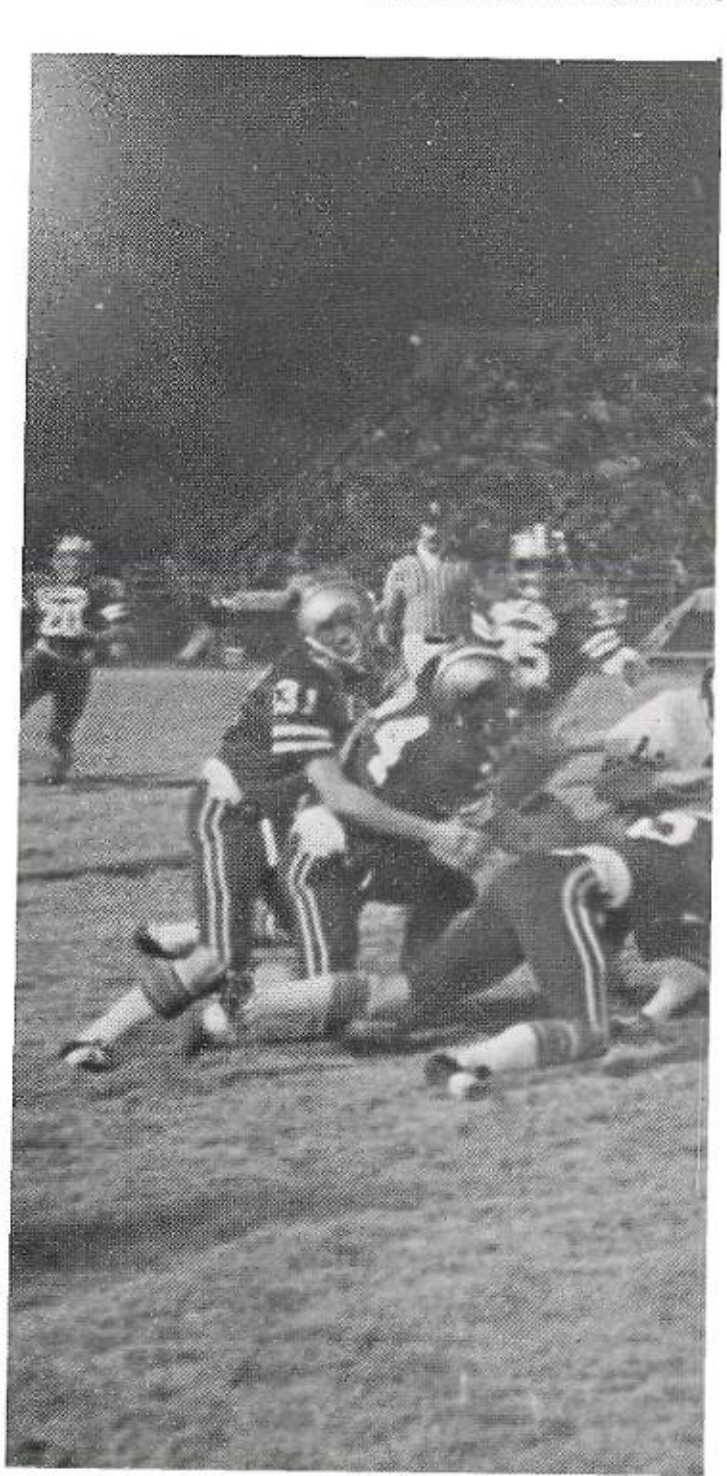

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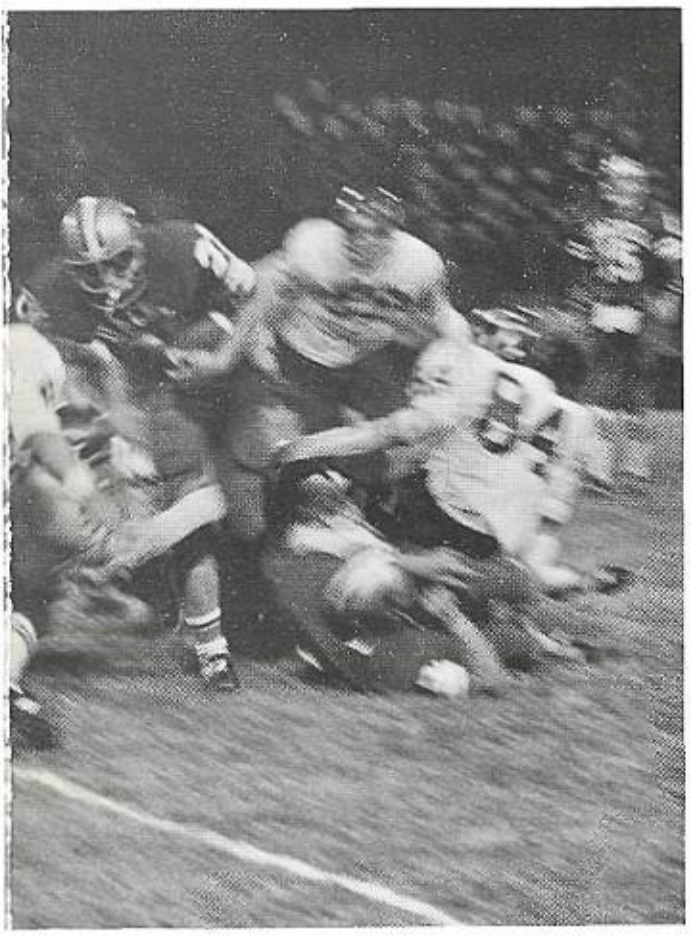
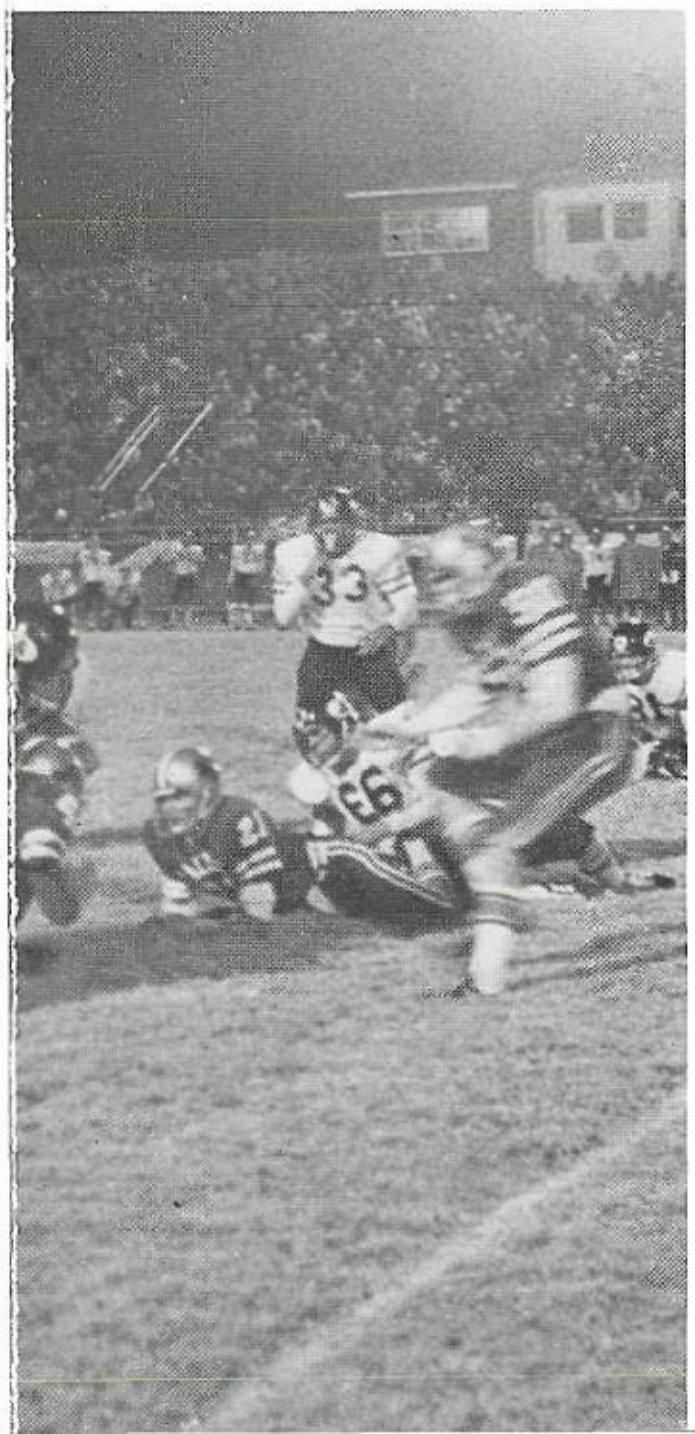
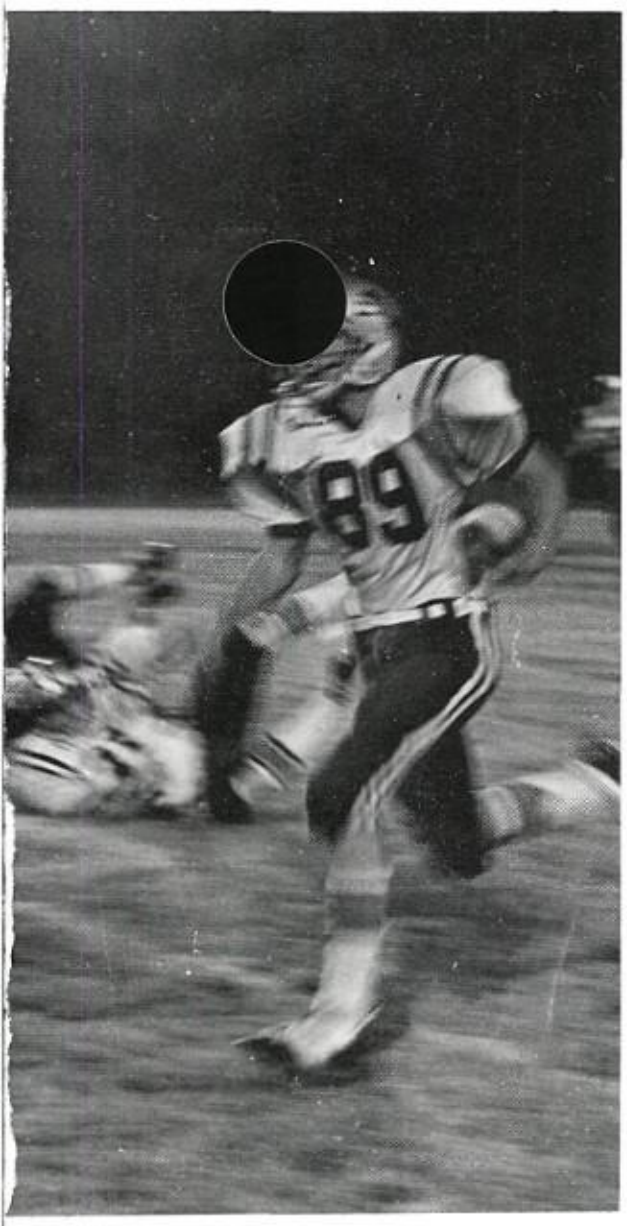




76-77 Fighting Lion Scores

LIONS		OPPONENTS
7	Ruston	13
6	Richwood	0
14	Woodlawn	20
0	Fair Park	19
21	North Caddo	0
9	Bastrop	0
7	West Monroe	0
12	Carroll	6
21	Central	10
8	Neville	7
	Bi-District Playoff	
20	DeRidder	6
	Bi-Regional Playoff	
6	East Ascension	13

ABOVE: The Lion superstars put their fame in lights. ABOVE LEFT: Senior quarterback Rusty Lucas watches Gary Taylor crash through Neville defenders for a Lion score. BOTTOM FAR LEFT: A behind-the-Lion scene finds Ouachita going through numerous stretching exercises in pre-game warm ups. BOTTOM CENTER: A host of Lion defenders play "crush the Tiger" and stop the Tiger back for a two-yard loss.



Lions End '76 Campaign On Bitter Note

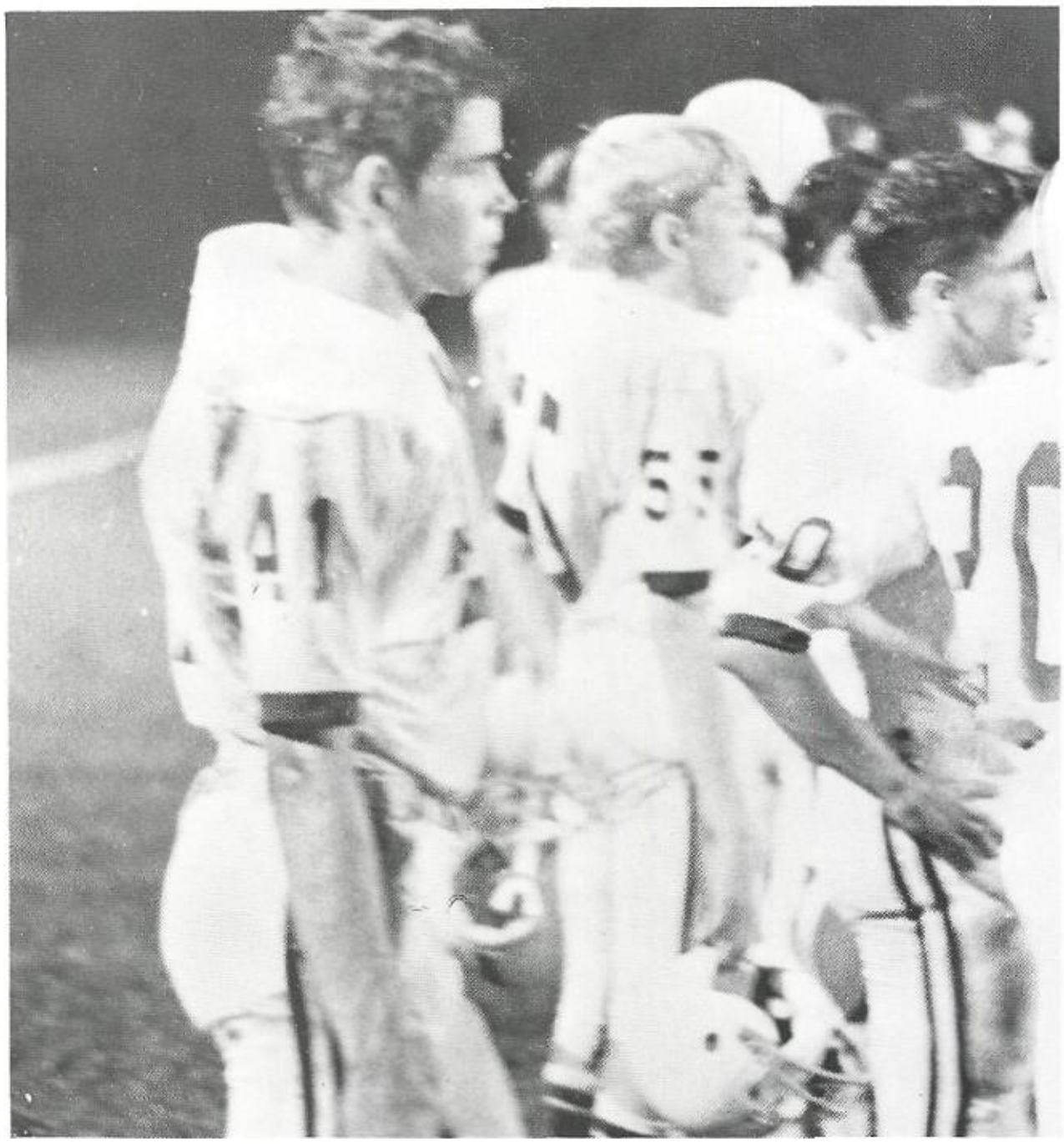
The Lions traveled to Gonzales, Louisiana to play the East Ascension Spartans in the Regional finals. Playing on a muddy field, the Lions drove deep into Spartan territory early in the game. Turnovers suddenly plagued the Lions and all scoring threats ended. In a defensive battle, East Ascension took advantage of Ouachita's errors and carried a 0-7 halftime lead into the locker room.

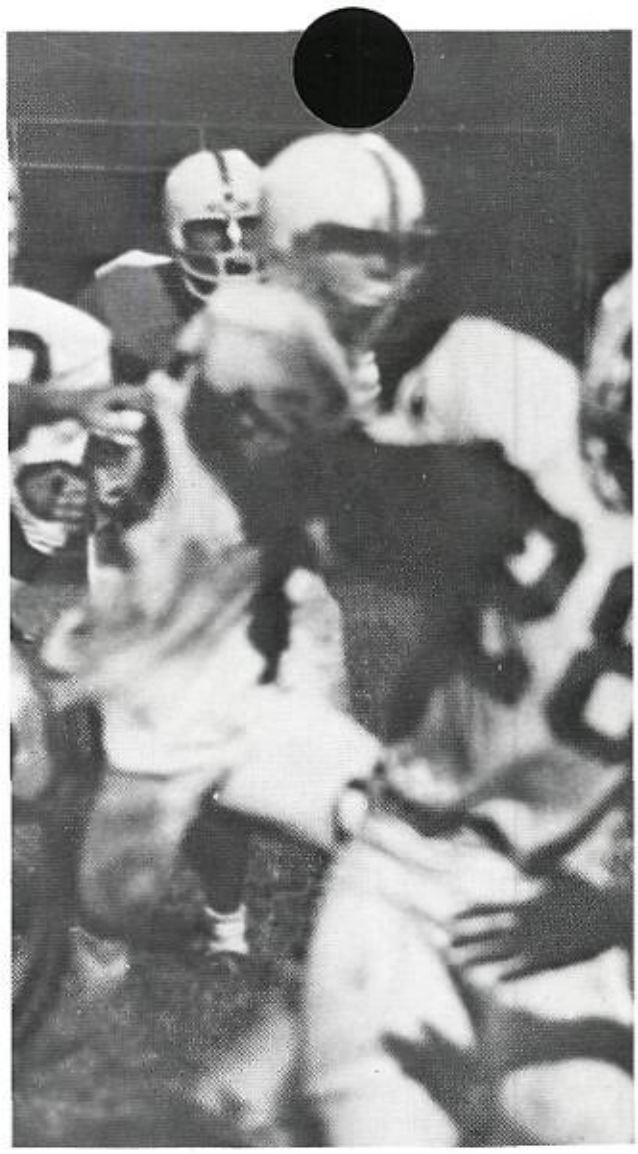
Ouachita's offense sputtered in the second half. The Spartans scored again after blocking a Lion punt and moved to a 0-13 third quarter lead. The Lions' only score of the night came with five minutes remaining in the game when Rusty Lucas hit Gerald Swihart on a 10 yard pass. The Lions had time to score again, but a Spartan interception killed all Lion hopes. The game ended 6-13.

The loss ended the Lions' season with an 8-4 record. But losing the game was only part of the agony. The Spartan football field had been lined off in lime and over twenty Ouachita players received burns during the contest. Vinegar was poured on players in the course of the game to neutralize the lime and ease the pain. Burned players were treated in a local hospital before the trip home.

The 1976 season began and ended on disheartening notes for the Lions. But the pride and inability to lie down and die carried Ouachita through one of its greatest years ever.

LEFT: Ouachita roars onto the field before taking on East Ascension in the Regiónal finals. FAR LEFT: Lynn Sullivan grasps the ball tightly as two Dragons add him to the pile of bodies. ABOVE LEFT: Tommy Mathieu streaks towards the Dragon end zone with the opening kick-off in the Lions 20-6 romp over DeRidder.





RIGHT: Mike Singler unleashes another pass behind the protection of No. 64, Tim Pruitt. FAR RIGHT: Members of the J. V. Lions anxiously look on as their offense breaks a long play. ABOVE RIGHT: Edwin Marshall slips past a Ruston defender on his way for a 27 yard gain. ABOVE: Ray Franklin wearily watches his team roll past West Monroe, 25-6.

Junior Varsity Roars in '76

The Varsity Lions weren't the only ones who made news. Ouachita's junior varsity compiled a 7-2-1 record for the '76 season under the direction of Coach Mickey Cleveland and first-year coach Paul von Diezelski. The J. V. Lions defeated every opponent once during the season with the exception of a 12-12 tie with Southside.

The J. V.s displayed an explosive offense capable of scoring from any place on the field. While averaging slightly over 14 points a game, the J. V. defense allowed a mere 6 points per game average to opponents. "These boys showed signs of good things to come for Ouachita," stated Coach Cleveland.

76-77 Junior Varsity Scores

Lions		Opponents
25	West Monroe	6
20	Ruston	6
12	Southside	12
15	Neville	0
22	Richwood	6
19	Bastrop	6
6	Bastrop	6
8	West Monroe	18
2	Carroll	0
6	Neville	8

The Fighting Lion junior varsity football team is (left to right) Front Row: Jimmy Dunn, Terrell Brodeaux, Mark Dallalio, Kelvin Humphries, Pat Murphey, Frank Murphey, Jim Lynch. Second Row: Jack Perry, Ralph Dupree, Ray Franklin, Bradly Adair, Tom Causey, Jeff Brown, Dan Booth, Lane Peavy. Third Row: James Scalia, Mark Porch, Eddie Nugent, Lane Travis, Scott McDonald, Stanley Scott, Edwin Marshall, Mike Bryant. Fourth Row: Tim Pruitt, John Vineyard, Mitch Huggins, Andy Smith, Mike Sanderson, Lee Smith, Craig Rambin, Tiger Turner. Back Row: Mike Singler, Alvin Shows, Jacob Hines, Mark Pullings, Doug Young.

ABOVE: The MOB actively supports Ouachita in all areas. Their business is promoting student interest and involvement in Ouachita as a whole. If you have an insatible urge to be one of the gang, join the MOB. They are where the action begins.

Varsity Lions Bounce Back

After a disappointing 5-21 season in 75-76, Ouachita's basketball team rebounded to a 15-10 slate.

The Lions filled Ouachita's gym regularly during the season, as each ball game brought fast action and excitement to the crowd. Head coach Gary Armstrong used some basketball wizardry in devising intricate offenses and complicated defenses for his young Lion team. Players responded to Coach Armstrong's way of successful basketball campaign.

"I was pleased with this team's performance," stated Coach Armstrong, "and I am looking forward to a better season next year."

ABOVE: Lon Wilson, one of the capable salesmen at Hanelin's, reflects the good taste of the styles in stock for the most discriminating man. To select the most fashionable wardrobe, visit **HANELINE'S MEN'S WEAR** in the **TWIN CITY SHOPPING CENTER, 323-9657.**

RIGHT: Lion roundballers concentrate on free throws during pre-game activities. TOP RIGHT: Ouachita's Chris Hagan controls the opening tip off against Richwood as Terry Gardner tenses for action. TOP: Terry Gardner outraces two Richwood players and leaps for a score unmolested.

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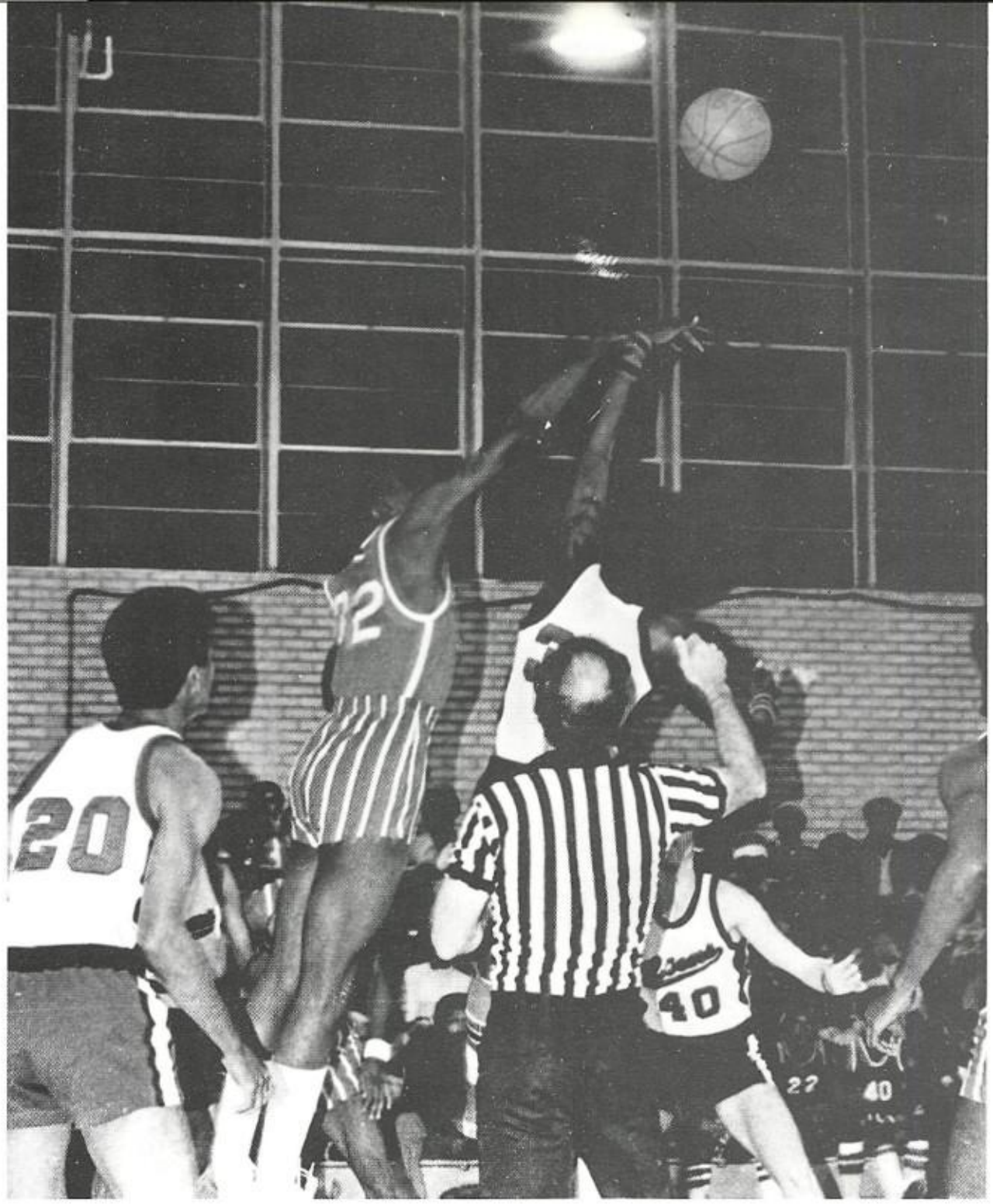
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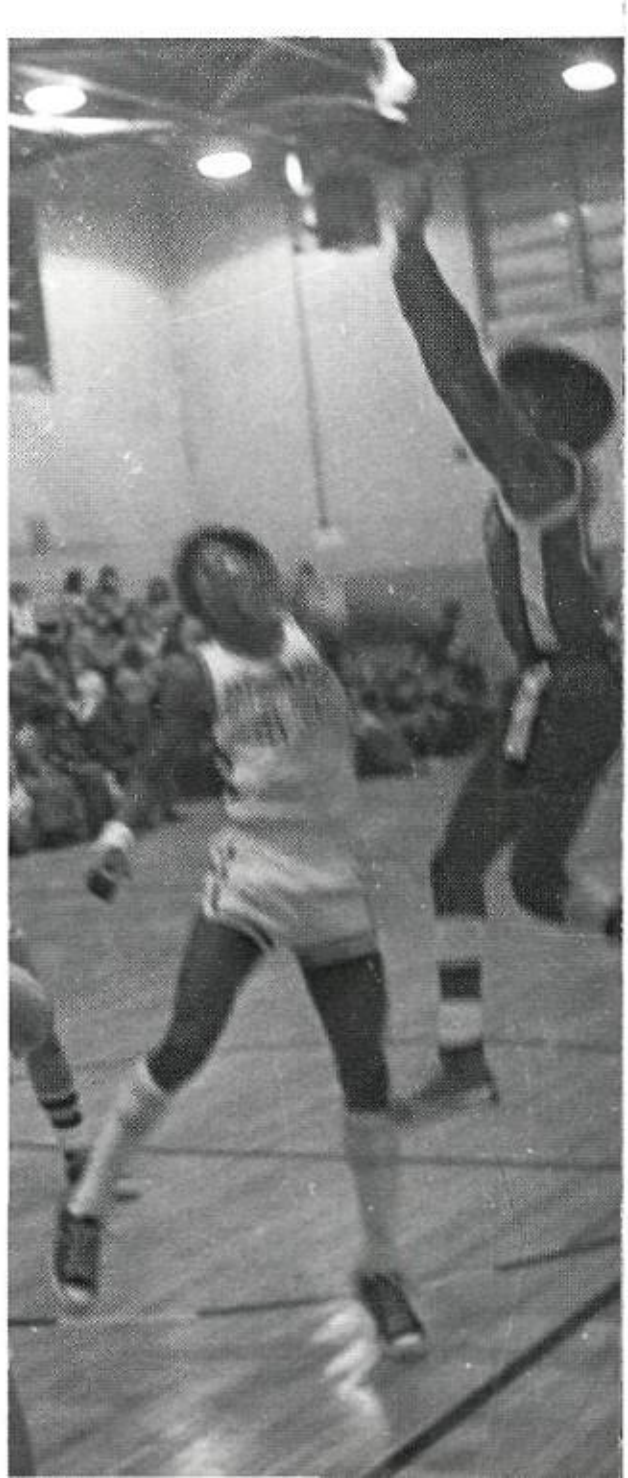
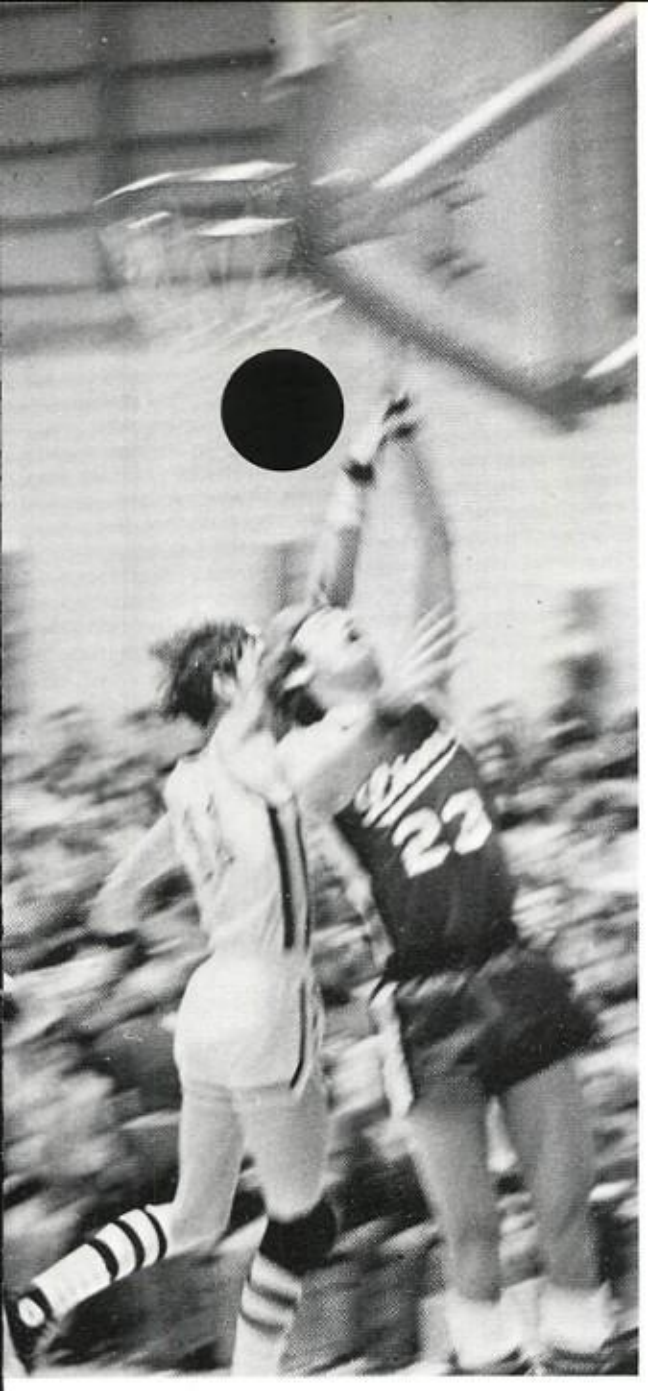
RIGHT: Ouachita students urge their Lions to an 86-78 romp over West Monroe in the gymnasium. FAR RIGHT: Joel Middleton lays the ball in for a bucket despite the efforts of a fouling Ram. BELOW FAR RIGHT: Flanked by two Neville players, Johnny Johnson focuses his attention on the ball during a foul shot. BELOW RIGHT: Larry Johnson shoots a fade-away jumper for two, guiding Ouachita to a 75-50 mauling of Neville.





Lions Get Quick Start In District; Eye Playoffs

With a 9-4 slate for the season, Ouachita roared into district with a brilliant 71-66 win over the Richwood Rams. Later in the week, the Lions tangled with another herd of Rams, but this time ended up on the short end of a 66-64 score.

Ouachita took a rest from district games and hosted the Cowboys from Southwood. Playing before a yelling, spirit-filled home crowd, the Lions dropped their second heartbreaker in a row, 74-72.

However, the Lions ended their two game losing skid by trouncing rival Neville, 75-50. Ouachita used a 34 point performance from Larry Johnson and a 24 point showing from Terry Gardner as Ouachita moved to a 3-1 district mark by stopping West Monroe, 86-78. The Lions had play-offs sparkling in their eyes with five district games remaining in the season. But two of these would be with the second ranked team in the state, Carroll.

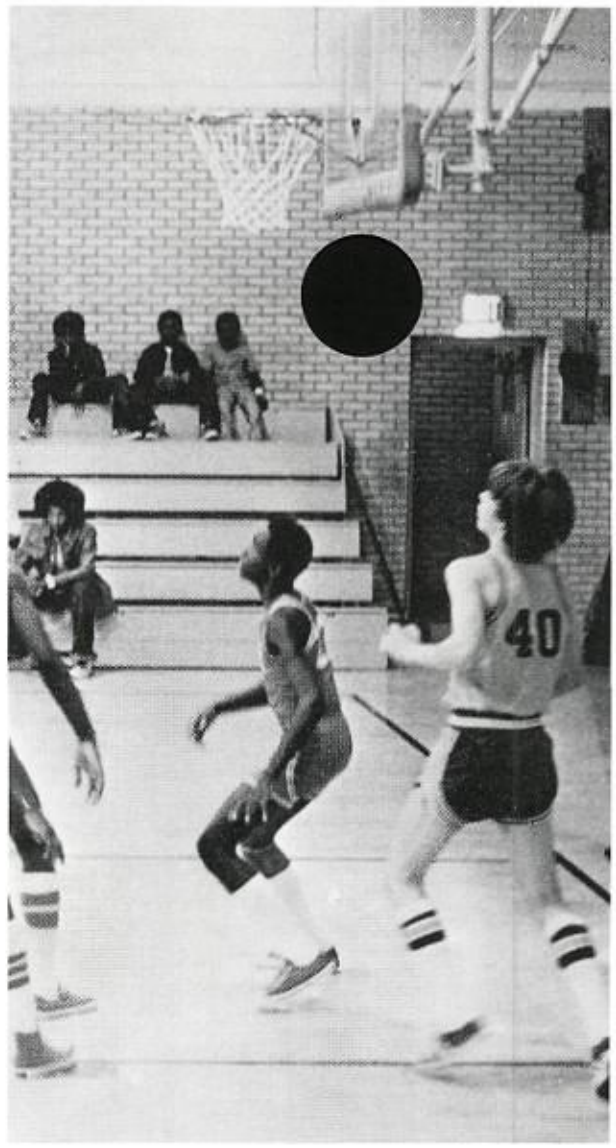
BELOW: The Fighting Lion basketball team members are (front row) Edward Smith, Jerry Price, George Scoby, Joel Middleton, Drew Haynes, Larry Johnson, and (back row) Coach Gary Armstrong, Terry Gardner, Terry McCart, Kirk Elam, Chris Hagan, Johnny Johnson, Clay Lee, and Coach David Armstrong. RIGHT: Managers for the team are Aaron Brooks, Virgil Parker, Mark Booth, and Tracey Sanders.

Flu Bugs Lions

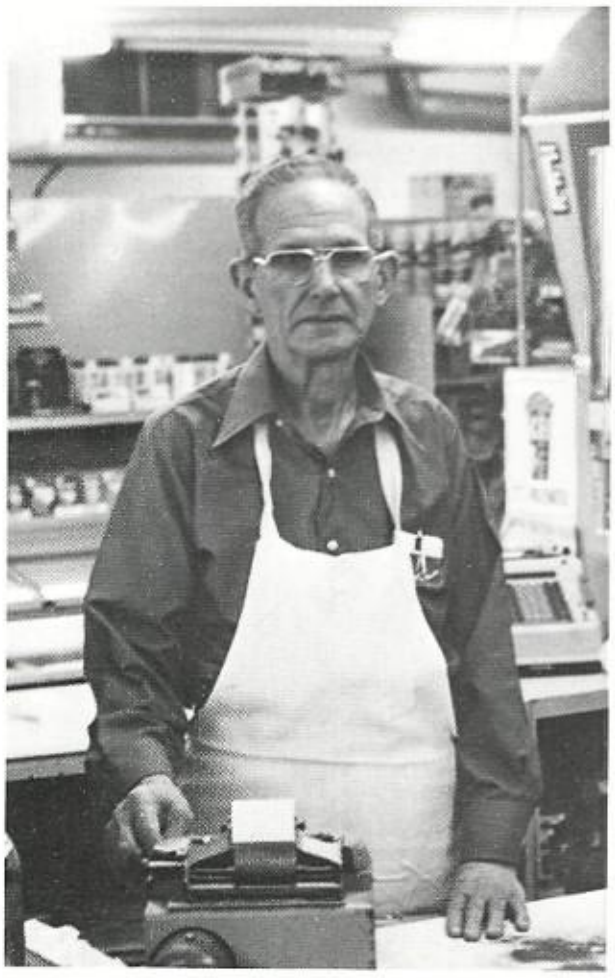
With playoffs just two weeks away, the Lions tuned up for a possible slot by degrading the Alexandria Trojans 67-56. The Lions were flying high when it hit. The flu seized several team members, forcing inexperienced players to play in the stretch. Ouachita's troubles began with a 63-67 loss to Richwood. Bastrop added to the Lion's misfortune with a 54-45 victory over the ailing Lions. At 3-3 in District, playoff hopes faded. After a 67-54 rout of Neville, Ouachita's playoff dreams were sealed with a 97-50 loss to Carroll. Though saddened by their tough break, the Lions still had enough in them to blow out West Monroe 69-53. Ouachita closed out the season against Carroll and though determined to go out with a victory, the Bulldogs proved to be too strong and Ouachita dropped the season finale, 56-76.

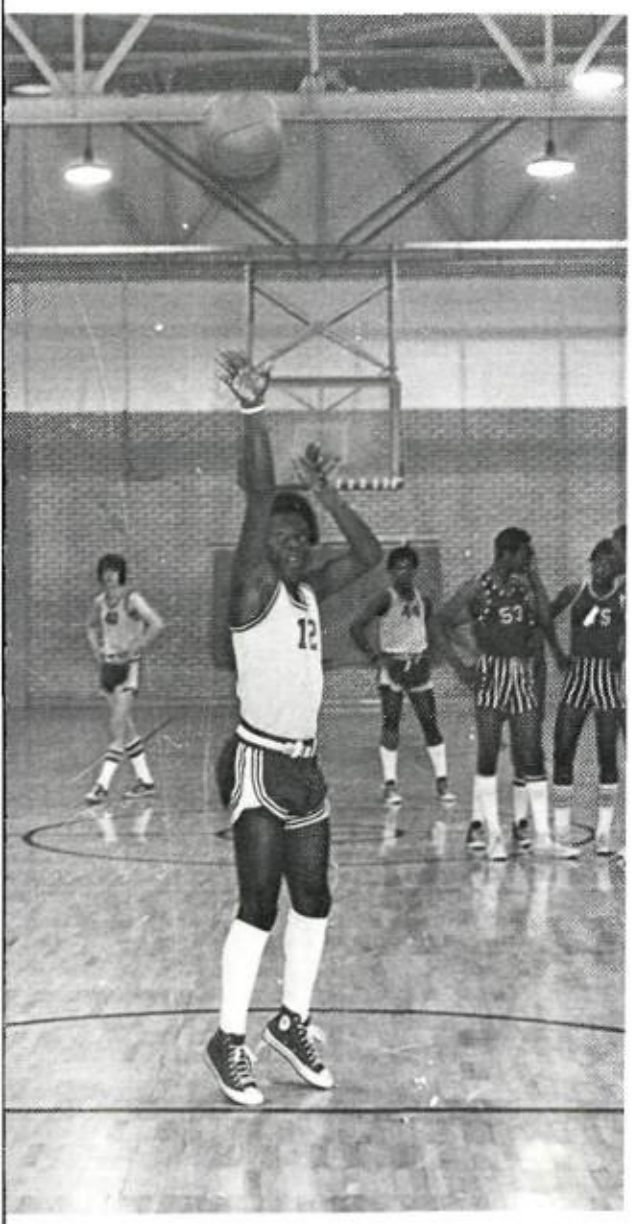
Larry Johnson was the Lion's workhorse, leading the team in scoring with an 18.3 point per game average. The fleet-footed senior was named to All-District and Optimist All-Twin City first teams. Chris Hagen led the Lions in rebounding with a 15.1 average. Junior Kirk Elam was second in both scoring and rebounding with 11.2 and 6.6 averages. "With a couple of breaks we would have been there," stated Coach Gary Armstrong. "We will be looking for those breaks next year and we'll expect to be in the running for a playoff berth."

LEFT: Chris Hagen towers above a Rebel and controls the opening tip off as Edwin Smith (14) and Kirk Elam tense for action.



RIGHT: Mike Hill waits under the goal for an anticipated loose ball. CENTER RIGHT: Coach Colvin gathers his frustrated junior varsity team after a loss to Wossman. FAR RIGHT: Mr. Fontana stands ready to serve his customers' every need, from dill pickles to gasoline. **FONTANA'S GROCERY** service and quality merchandise are easy to find at **101 LINCOLN ROAD, PHONE: 343-0106.** BELOW RIGHT: Eddie Gayden shoots two on the technical foul called against West Monroe. BELOW: The junior varsity players and coaches are, kneeling: Randy Hampton, Jeff Smith, Cecil Sharp, Lee Belton, Raymond Hansen (dropped); standing: Coach Bill Colvin, Rickey Wooley, Jimmy Dobbins, Kenneth Reppond, Tommy Lewis, Mike Hill, John Maroney, Jimmy Jones and Coach David Armstrong, not pictured, Eddie Gayden.

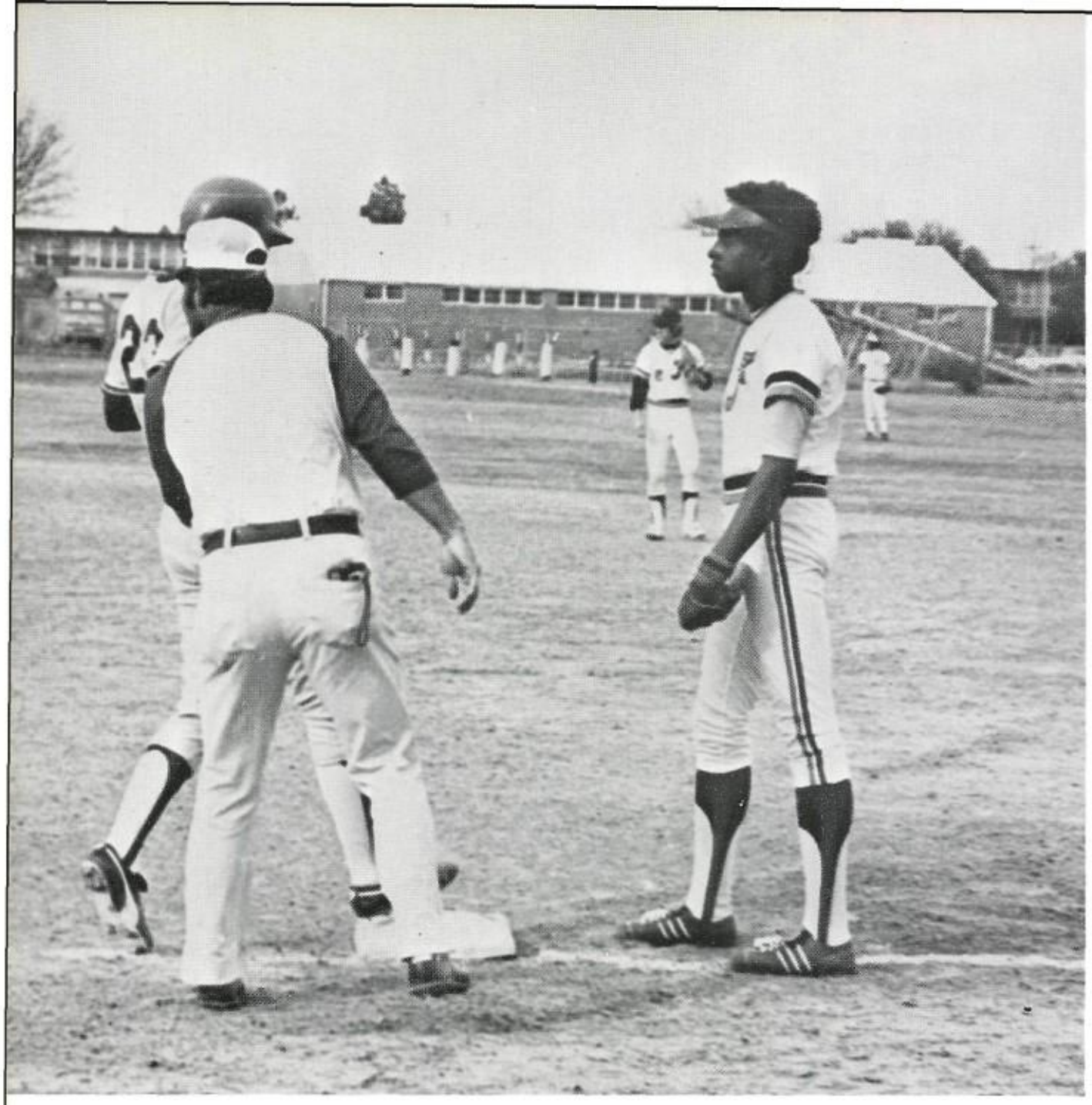


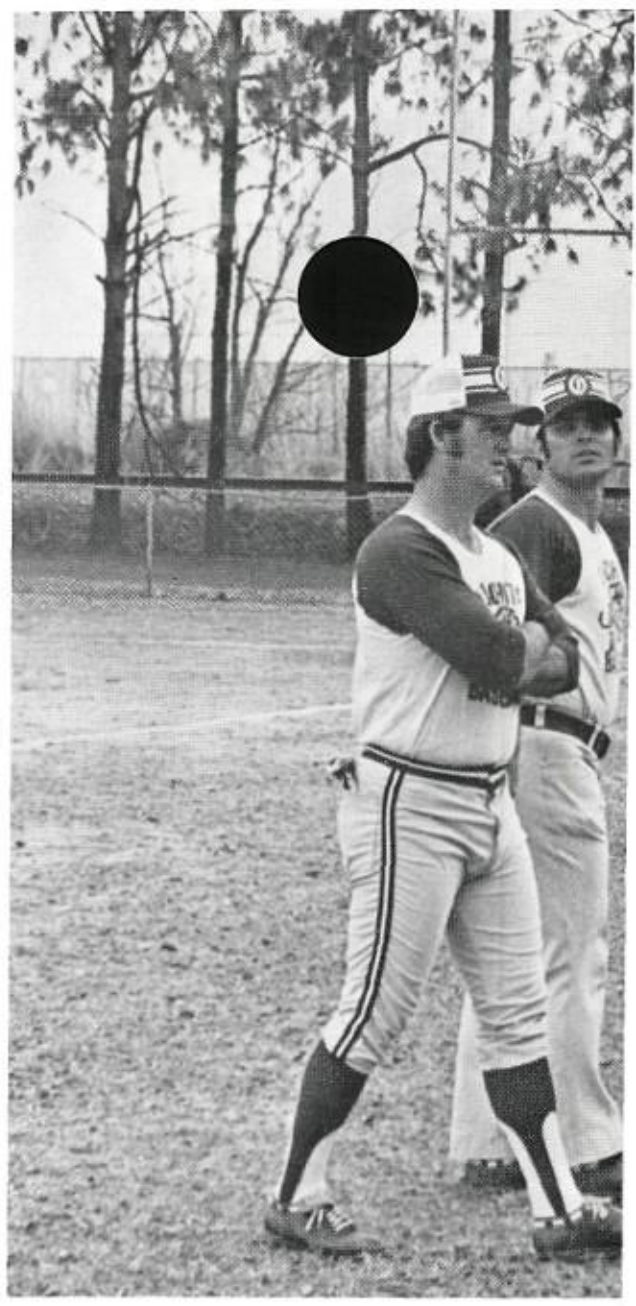


JVs Rally for Eight Straight

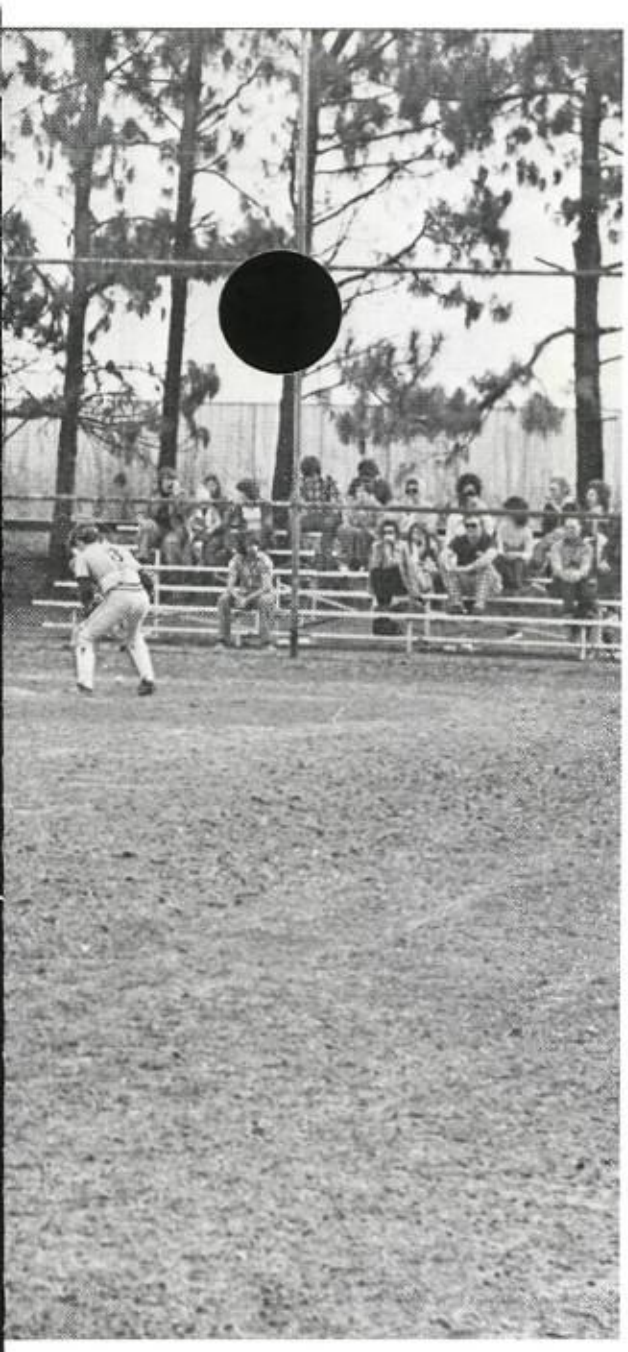
The junior varsity basketball team began the season with a crushing blow, but finished with a resounding victory. The rough-but-not-ready Lions met Wossman on the court for a disappointing 64-67 loss and feared a long season to come. After the first two losses, the Lions came back for eight straight victories in the Neville Tournament and against other high schools.

The second half of the Lion season posted a losing trend, but showed an overall record of 14-11 in the 76-77 season after a proud 57-49 victory over Carroll.





TOP LEFT: Larry Ussery welcomes Scott Stone to first base during the Farmerville game. TOP RIGHT: Larry Ussery and Mickey Cleveland discuss the starting line-up for the Wossman game. RIGHT: Frank Elkins takes a mighty swing at a Neville pitch. FAR RIGHT: First Row: Randy Williams, Mark Taylor, Jerry Price, Gary Holloway, Scott Stone, Lynn Sullivan, Lane Travis. Second Row: Jimmy Scott, Ricky Powell, Richard Minninger, Eddie Nugent, Jimmy Simmons. Third Row: Bryan Tucker, Mickey LaBeff, David Smith, Ricky Wooley, Mike Kennedy, Jay Russell. Fourth Row: Coach Mickey Cleveland, Joel Middleton, Jack Laird, Frank Elkins, Sam Powell, Mike Durham.



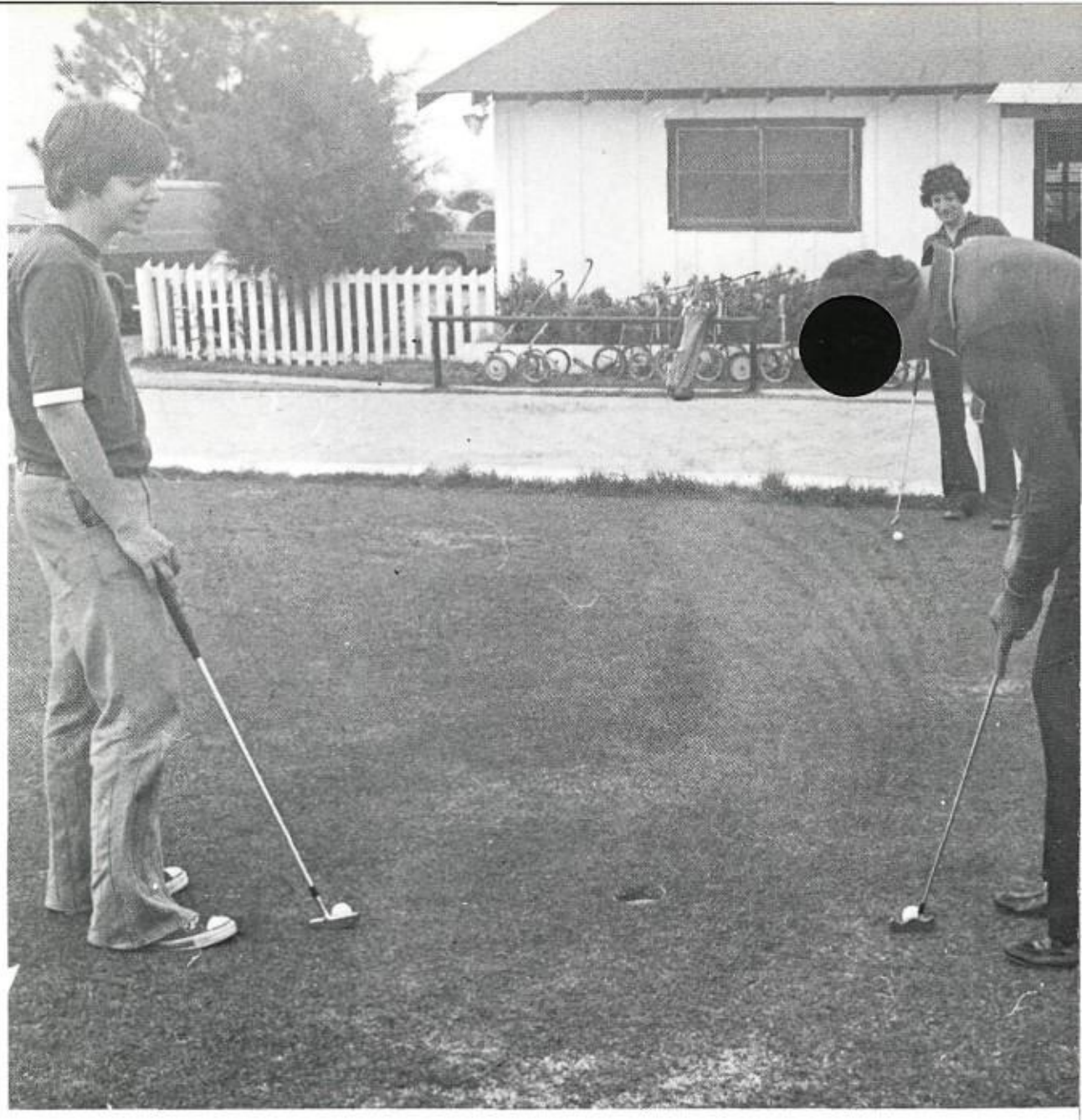
Lions Play the Field

When the Ouachita Lions play the field in baseball they really play the field. By winning a whole array of awards and victories, the team not only showed the ability to win but the capability of receiving the blow of defeat.

Coming face to face with some of the stiffest competition in the surrounding area, the Lions proved they had the strength to capture first place in the Twin Cities baseball tournament with Eddie Nugent walking away with the most valuable player award.

Proving the Lions have what it takes to build a winning team, the Lions not only set records of their own but put kinks in the records of other schools. Neville Tigers, feeling the pride of being an undefeated team felt the sharp bite of the Lions when they were downed 1-0. Wossman High, feeling an even sharper bite, was lowered by the Lions for four consecutive times.

For the most part the Lions played with skills and pride showing game after game teams can't win by skills only, they have to be united as one.



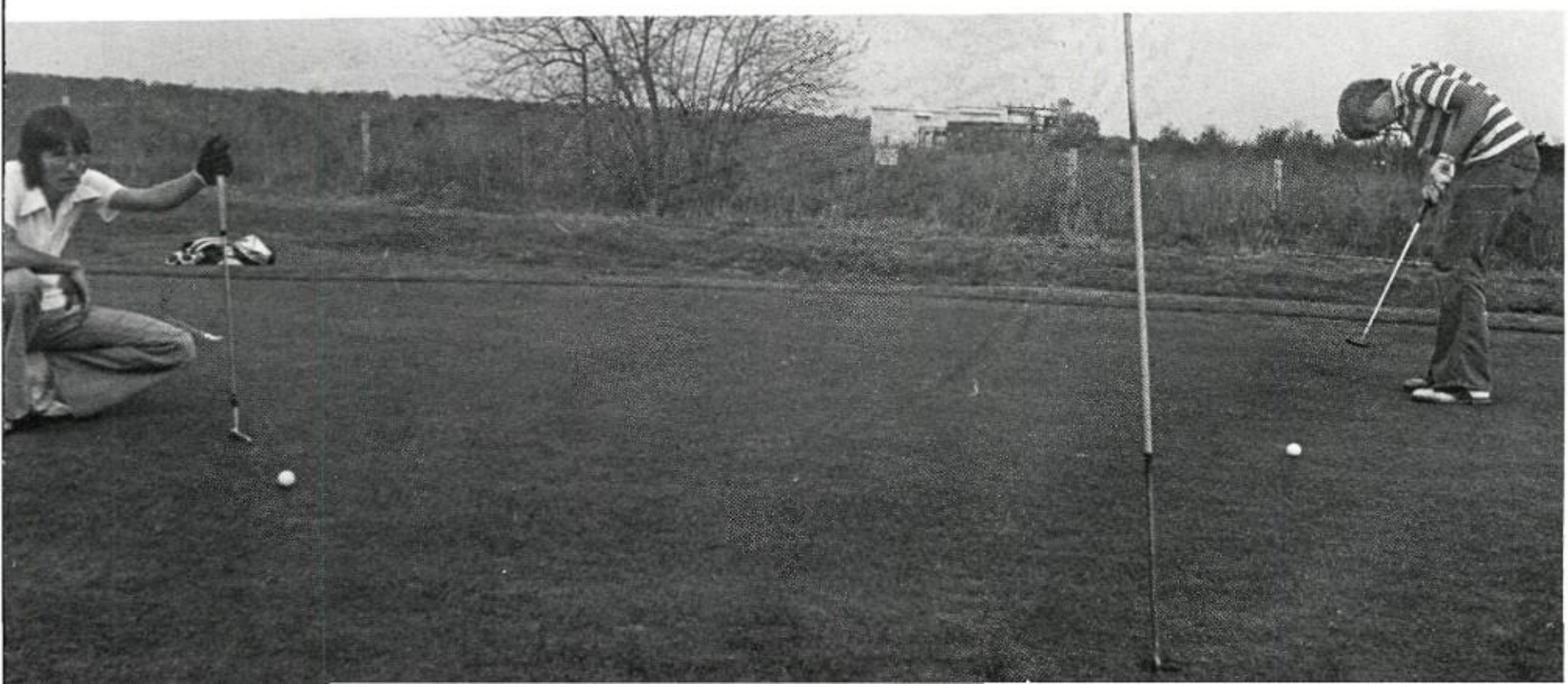
RIGHT: With money on the line, and extra pressure from Mark Booth and Arron Brooks looking on, Coach Colvin concentrates on his putt. FAR RIGHT: Mark Booth drives the ball home from tee box number 5 at Selman golf course. LOWER RIGHT: Stephen Pratka judges the break on the green while Greg Ewbanks attempts to drain a 20 foot putt. BELOW: Stephen Pratka, Darrell Cartwright, Greg Ewbanks, Mark Booth, Jackie Dupriest, and Coach Colvin make up the 1976-77 Lion Golf team. (Not pictured: Blaine Kelly.)

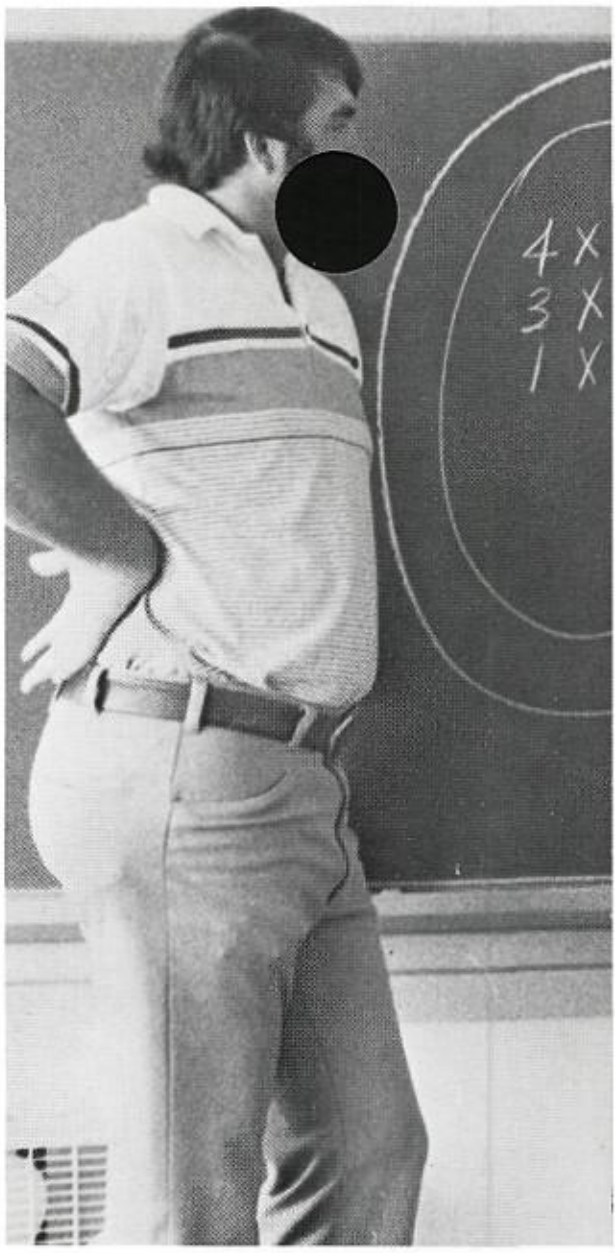
G lfers Are One In a Whole

The Lion golf team started off on a bad leg in 76-77 when the number-one man, Blaine Kelly, broke his leg. "I wasn't worried about it," said Kelly, "I knew I'd get back into the swing." Blaine was the "Honcho" on the team, but Mark Booth, Stephen Pratka, and Greg Ewbanks, the other varsity golfers, were also very important.

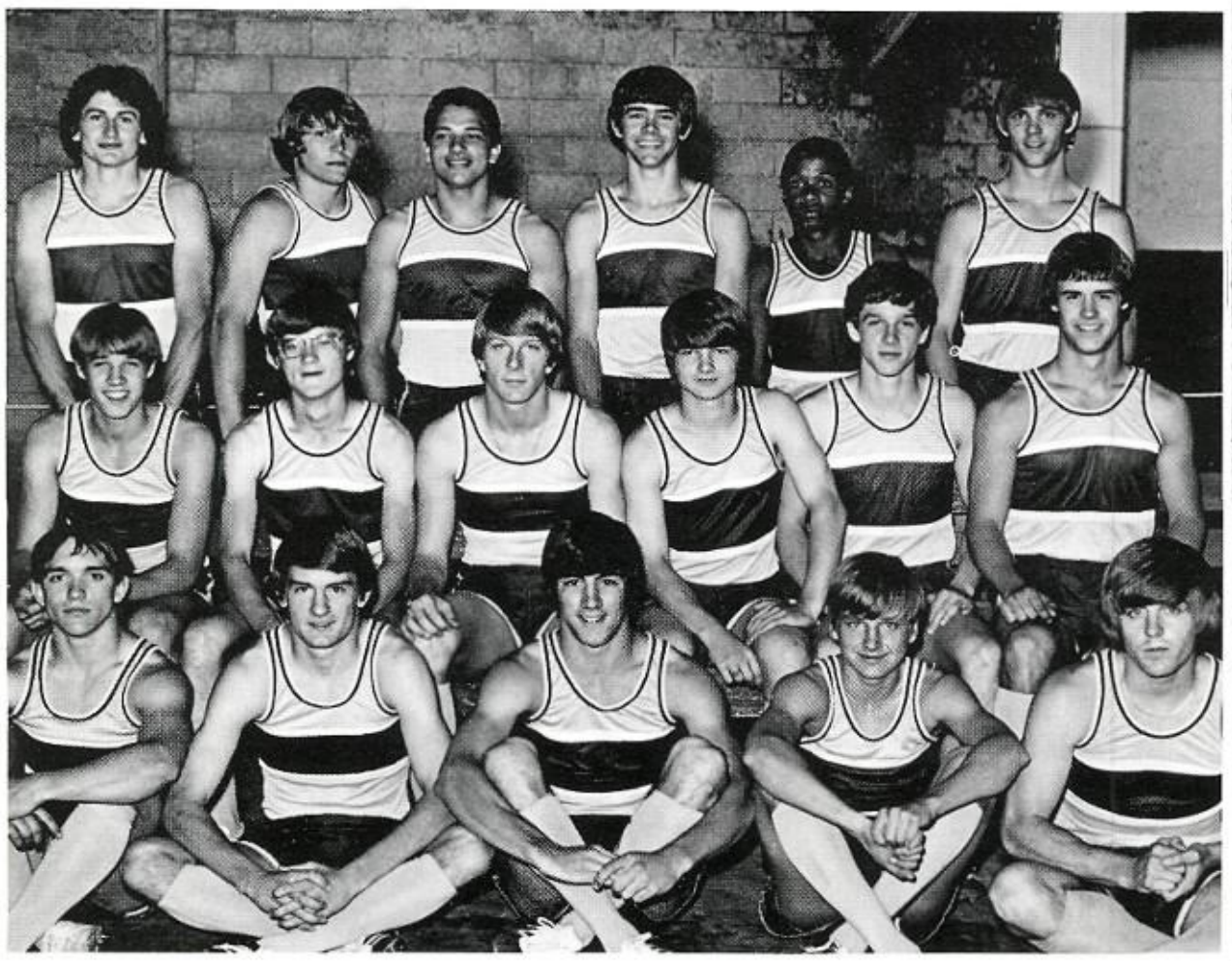
"I've coached a lot of sports," said Coach Colvin, "but never golf. It's so different from all other sports. You're really alone, and there is no one else to help, or to blame."

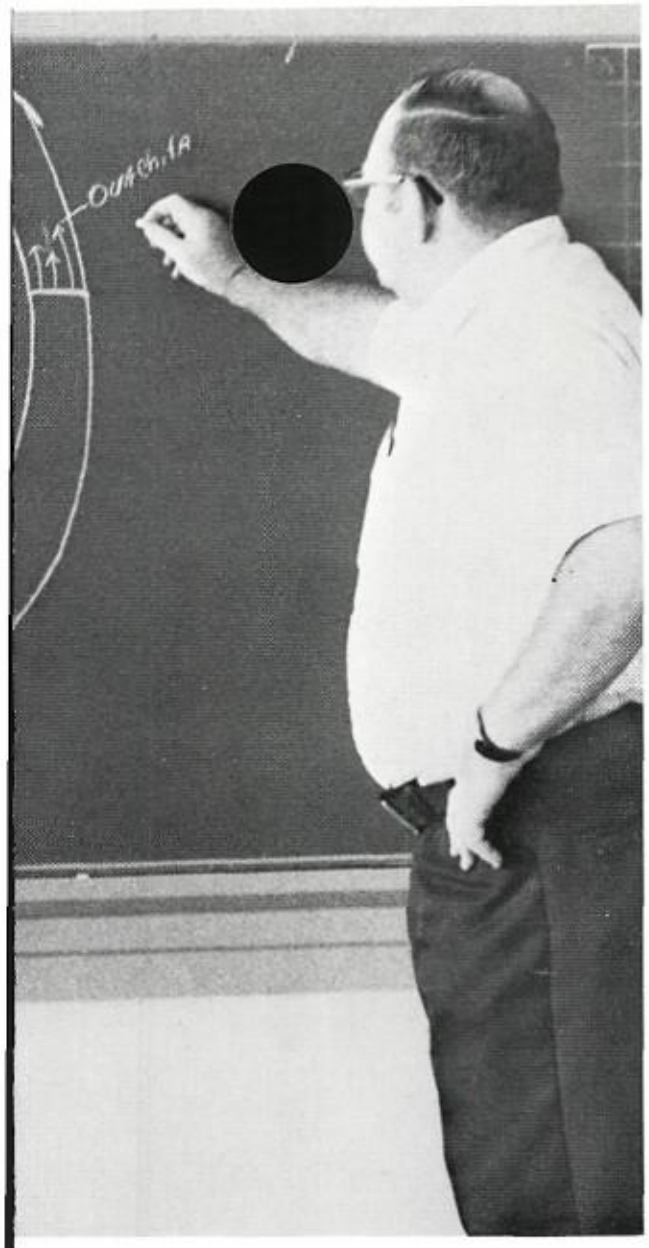
Ouachita golfers found that even though it was an individual sport, golf took a whole team effort to win.





ABOVE: Mark Blackwelder sets the pace for the other runners to follow at the regional meet. TOP RIGHT: Field coach Paul Vondiezelski and track coach Bobby Andrews go over the tactics used in the 220 relay for the district meet. RIGHT: The 1977 track team: Front Row: Frank Murphy, Michael Salmon, Gerald Swihart, Jacob Hines, Tommy Mathieu. Middle Row: Raymond Hansen, Bill Ross, Mark Porch, Scott MeDonald, Bama LaSource, Lanny Spence. Back Row: Gary Taylor, Mark Blackwelder, Adrian Frost, BooRay Franklin, Jimmy Jones, Buddy Eades. FAR RIGHT: Members of the Ouachita field team are left to right: Robbie Stewart, Mike Singler, Randy Hampton, Lee Belton, Earl Hodgkins, Kelvin Hunphries, Terrell Brodnax, Parnell Roy, Edward Marshall, Terry McCart.





1977 Track Record

Twin City Relays	5th
Bastrop Relays	5th
Ruston Relays	4th
West Monroe Relays	4th
Neville Relays	4th
Alexandria Relays	4th
District Track Meet	5th
Regional Track Meet	5th

Trackmen Pass On Winning Spirit

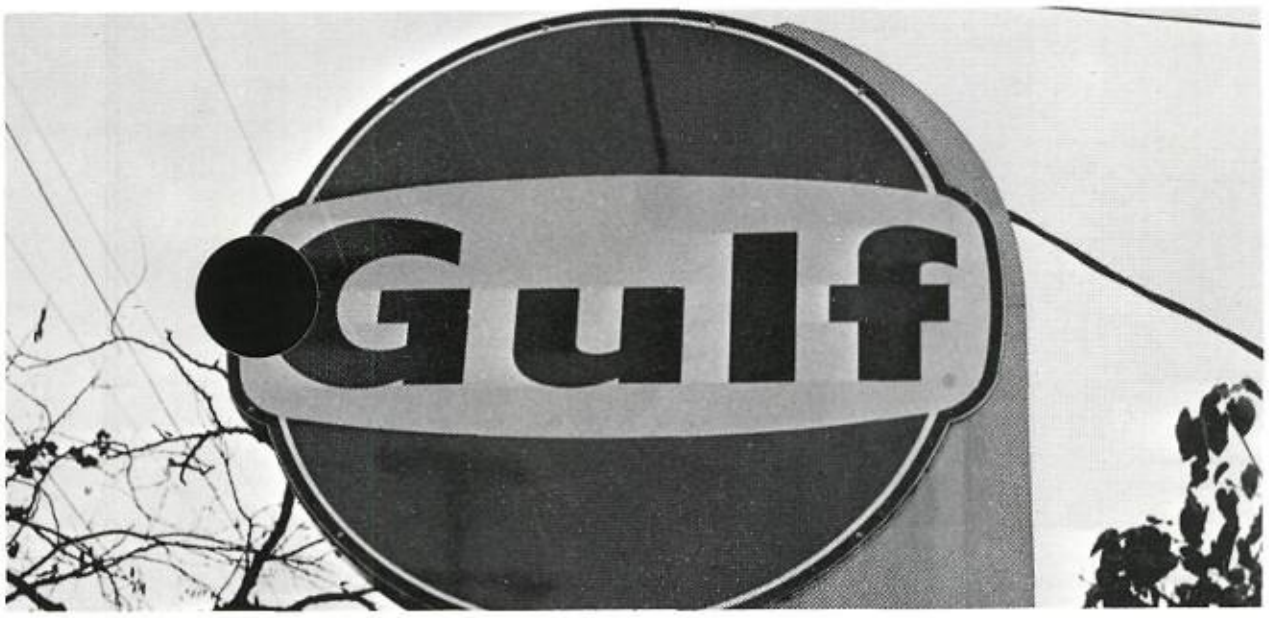
In 1976, Ouachita's football team went to state, basketball team won tournaments, and baseball team won the Twin Cities Tournament. Ouachita's winning did not cease after midterm. The track team carried on the winning by sending their top runners and fieldman to the Regional meet. Mark Blackwelder, Bill Ross, and Terrell Brodnax, represented Ouachita at the Regional meet held at NLU.

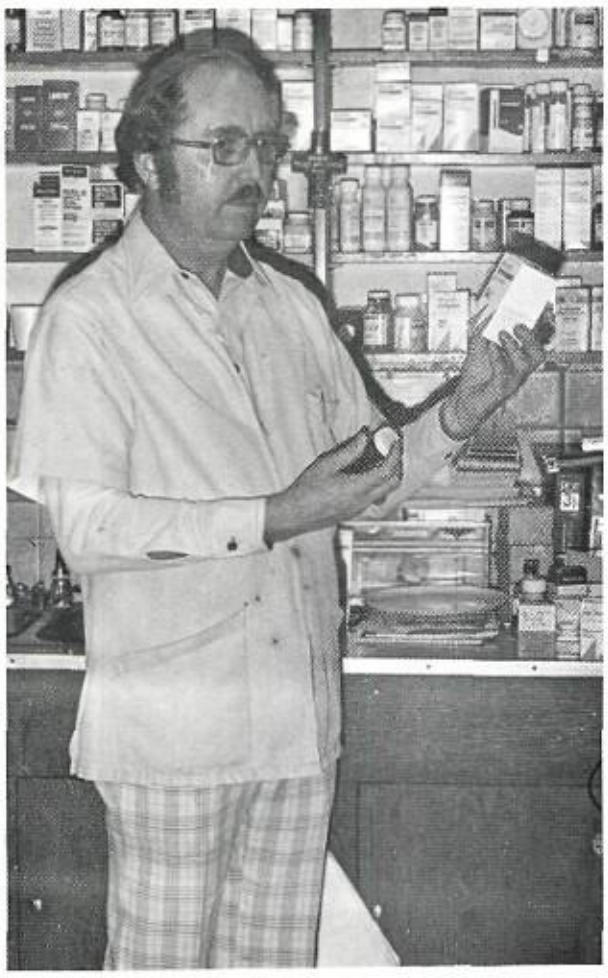
1977 was the year for Mark Blackwelder. Mark was Ouachita's number one hurdle runner. He placed first in district, lost only one race during the regular season, and ran second in the Twin City Relays. Mark was honored at the Spring Sports Banquet by being named Outstanding track Man at Ouachita High School.

Mark shared the track spotlight with Bill Ross, who won the Coaches Award for the hardest worker. Bill, who also ran the mile relay, won the district meet with his excellent 2.02 time in the 880 run.

Sophomore Terrell Brodnax represented Ouachita at the district meet in the shot put. Terrell placed second with a stretch of 47' 10½.

Individuals like these kept high standards for Ouachita and its track program.





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FAR RIGHT: Members of the 1976-77 Anchor Club are: kneeling, Karen Draper, Peggy Trimble, Susan Ensminger, Pam Puckett, Kelli Simmons, Laura Causey, Dawn Hudson, Suzanne Hall; standing, Betsy Berry, Esther Elahi, Michele Walker, Paula Ensminger, Jana Jones, Melani Lewter, Sharon Ingram, Lillian Inzina, Renee Ripley, Allyson Rhymes, Debbie Hood, Marti Borden; on stairs, Marie Easterling, Christy Everett, Mary Beth Fisher, Diana Biggs, Lynn Daniel, Sue Hanna, Debbie Turner, Bonnie Harrell, Lisa Sanders, Patti Trimble, Cindy Bennett, Kim Newton, Lori Campbell, Robin Bramble, and Kim Stites. RIGHT: Mr. Howell stands before the Glenn Gore prints presented in his honor by Anchor Club representatives Lillian Inzina, Betsy Berry, and Laura Causey. BELOW: Lanny Spence (kneeling), Joel Middleton, Tommy Mathieu, Brian Johnson, and Clay Lee are '77 Anchor Club beaux.

RIGHT: Mary Beth Fisher earns her dough by baking bread at the Big Star deli. Fresh breads and pastries add a little spice to the everyday low prices and friendly service extended to you, the customer. Two **BIG STAR** stores are ready to serve you at **8001 DESIARD** and **32 OLD STERLINGTON ROAD.**

Anchors Reward Beautiful People

"The girls in Anchor Club are very much aware of what's happening in the world," said Mrs. Tollett, Anchor Club sponsor. Perhaps that is the reason over 80% of the membership is active in some other area of social, religious, or civic life. At any rate, this "people consciousness" was responsible, in part, for breaking down many social barriers, and making the year 1976-77 one of spirit and unity. As well as supplying zest, leadership, and other intangibles, the 1977 Anchor Club also provided a touch of culture to Ouachita's whole environment.

In a gesture of gratitude to departing principal, S. T. Howell, the club voted to place a work of art in the school. After discussing a wide range of possible gifts, the Anchor Club decided upon the work of wildlife artist Glenn Gore as a suitable donation. Four of his scratchboard prints were chosen and ordered. Now there remained the question, "How to raise the money needed?" Never at a loss for ideas, the minds of the Anchor Club members were flooded with inspiration.

It sounded like the Academy Awards with such names as "Queen Kong" and "Foxy Farrah." But it looked more like "Beauty and the Beast" as almost forty contestants strolled onto the stage to begin the Anchor Club Boys Beauty Pageant. The whole school had a part as each first period class responded to an invitation to enter a "beauty." Teachers and students roared their approval of every effort to transform a high school guy into a femme fatale. "It seems as if organizations are always after money," said Brenda Andrews. "At least the Anchor Club leaves the 'fun' in fund raising."

Best All Around Students Chosen for Honor Society

"Excellence is an elusive quality," said Honor Society president, Jana Jones. "It is ability striving for perfection." With those words, she began the spring induction ceremony.

Seventy students had qualified with a GPA of 3.3 or higher. Less than half of them, however, had been described by teachers as having the necessary qualities to become members of the National Honor Society. The thirty juniors in their Sunday best were an accurate portrayal of Ouachita's best. They had passed through the tangled web of quality selection; yet most had little idea what was expected of them.

Contrary to popular belief, Ouachita's branch of the National Honor Society is not composed of intellectual snobs. Its members are hard workers who know that service to the community is a vital part of good citizenship. They acted on this belief by contributing time and energy to the March of Dimes' fund-raising drive. Closer to home, Honor Society members sold Valentine carnations for classmates; and sponsored a faculty tea to show their gratitude to Ouachita educators.

This legacy of active concern was passed from the Honor Society members of '77 to the 1978 inductees during the hour-long ceremony. Afterwards, members old and new left the big study hall with Jana's closing remark ringing in their ears. "I challenge you to be excellent."

TOP RIGHT: Peggy Trimble and Pam Puckett receive sweetheart carnations from their secret admirers. RIGHT: 1976-77 Honor Society: FIRST ROW: Peggy Trimble, Drew Haynes, Mrs. Steen (sponsor), Melanie Lewter, Jimmy Harrison, Jana Jones, Kevin Steen, Larry Haynes, Mark Meece, Jeff Kern, Robert McCaa, Wendell Bostelmann, Bill Ross. RISING ON STAIRS: Pam Puckett, Kim Stites, Vicki Kilpatrick, Laura Causey, Lisa Sanders, Renee Alexander, Robin Bramble, Cheryl Brown, Cindy Richardson, Kathy Pohl, Rene Nerren, Sarah Lucas, Theresa Moore, Susan Glenn, Michele Walker, Phyllis Brown, Peggy Hogan, Naomi Watson, Sharon Gilds, Billie Falgout.

Y-Teens Lend A Helping Hand

"We will be going to the Veteran's Hospital on September 14. You who are interested write your name on the list," said Lynn Daniel at a weekly Y-teens meeting.

The Young Women's Christian Organization was active in many humanitarian services this year. Offering both time and effort the Veterans' Hospital in Alexandria. The annual distribution of coloring books and crayons were sent to the G. B. Cooley School in West Monroe. Y-teens suffered a drastic drop in membership but was still able to maintain its activeness. Lillian Inzina said, "I enjoy being able to help people, and through Y-teens, I get a chance to do that."

TOP LEFT: Y-teen beaux are Greg Walker, Lynn Sullivan, Terry McCart, Joel Middleton, and Clay Lee. Members of Y-teens are, seated, Beth Walley, Sara Shepard, Lisa Sanders, Cheryl Renfrow, and Karen Draper. Those standing are Lillian Inzina, Lynn Daniel, Billie Falgout, Becky Barron, Angie Beach, Cindy Fisher, Sandy De LaSalle, Kelli Simmons, and Mary Ann Jeter. LEFT: Officers of Y-teens are Lillian Inzina, Vice President; Lynn Daniel, President; and Mary Ann Jeter, Secretary-Treasurer.

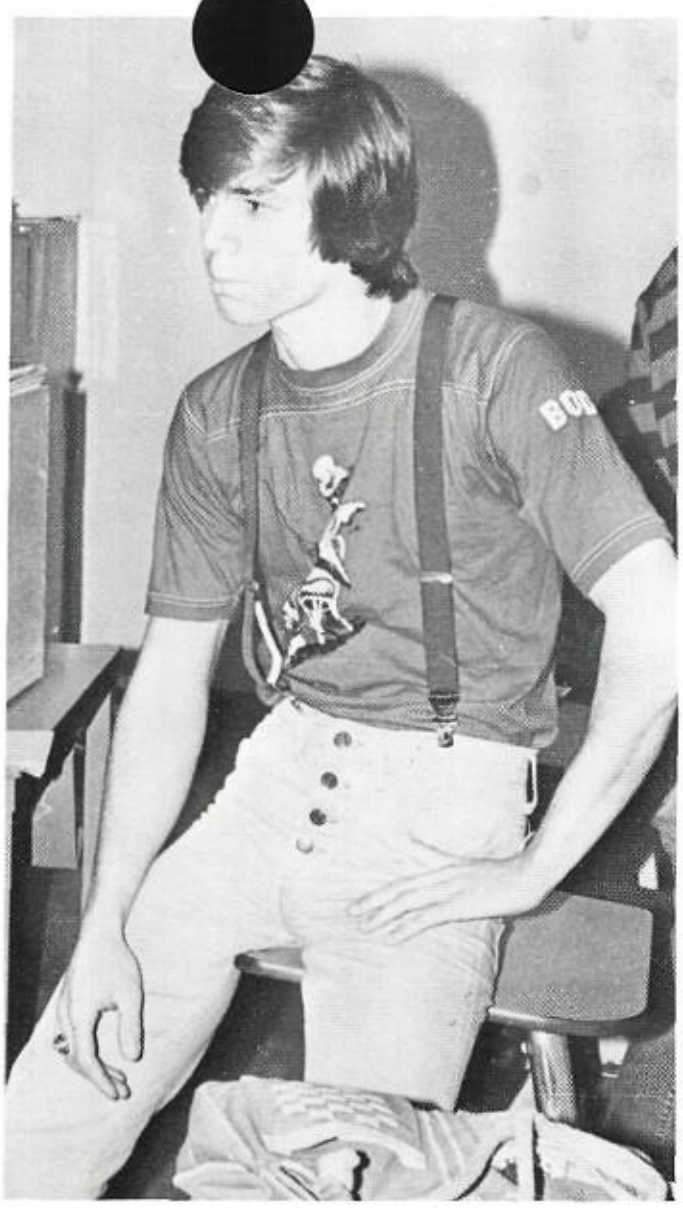
CYCP Proceeds to Show Interest

An Easter egg hunt and a Christmas party added fun and excitement to the lives of children at the Stuart Bacon Pre-school Center of United Cerebral Palsy. The parties were given by the Ouachita chapter of Concerned Youth for Cerebral Palsy.

Ouachita's chapter sold candy throughout the year to raise $2,500 for the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, the proceeds of which go to research and the Stuart Bacon Center.

"Working with the children at the center highlighted my year in CYCP," declared Debbie Ward.

ABOVE: Mrs. Wroten sells nickel candy to Lee Ann Hall, Mary Harrell, and Paul Jeter to raise money for the Cerebral Palsy Telethon. TOP: CYCP president Angie Beach goes over a list of telethon donations during a March meeting.



LEFT: Steve Huey, MOB president, seriously considers the final details of the upcoming Christmas dance. BELOW: Members of the 76-77 MOB are left to right: (first row) Tommy Easterling, Billy Smith, Diana Biggs, Lynn Daniel, Becky Barron, (second row) Melba Hankins, Debbie McRae, Sue Joiner, Kay McGuffee, Cathy Clark, Annette Brownell, Sheila Bryson, Jan Hidenriech, Connie Hyde, Steve Huey, Lillian Inzina, Nannette Sheppard, Terri Egloff, Linda Moore; (top row) Mark Reynolds, Chris Greer, David Reynolds, Craig Bryant, Larry Turner, Billy Stover.

BELOW: The girls singing soprano in the OPHS Singers are, sitting, Lea Ann Harper, Konni Sanderson, Toni Scalia, Barbara Self, standing, Donna Green, Bonnie Turnbow, Robin Bramble, Lisa Sanders, Lisa Tindall, Susan Musick, Sheryl Turnbow, Cindy Fisher, April Martin, Cheryl Headly, and Carol Lowery. RIGHT: The tenors are, front row, Jamey Keith, Ricky Wooley, John Hobbs, Steve Murphy, back row, Brad Wilson, Craig Bryant, Johnny Bailey, Jay Debnam, Steve Huey. FAR RIGHT: Mr. Jerry Roberts motions the girl's chorus to soften the tone at the end of "Let Me Grow Lovely Growing Old."

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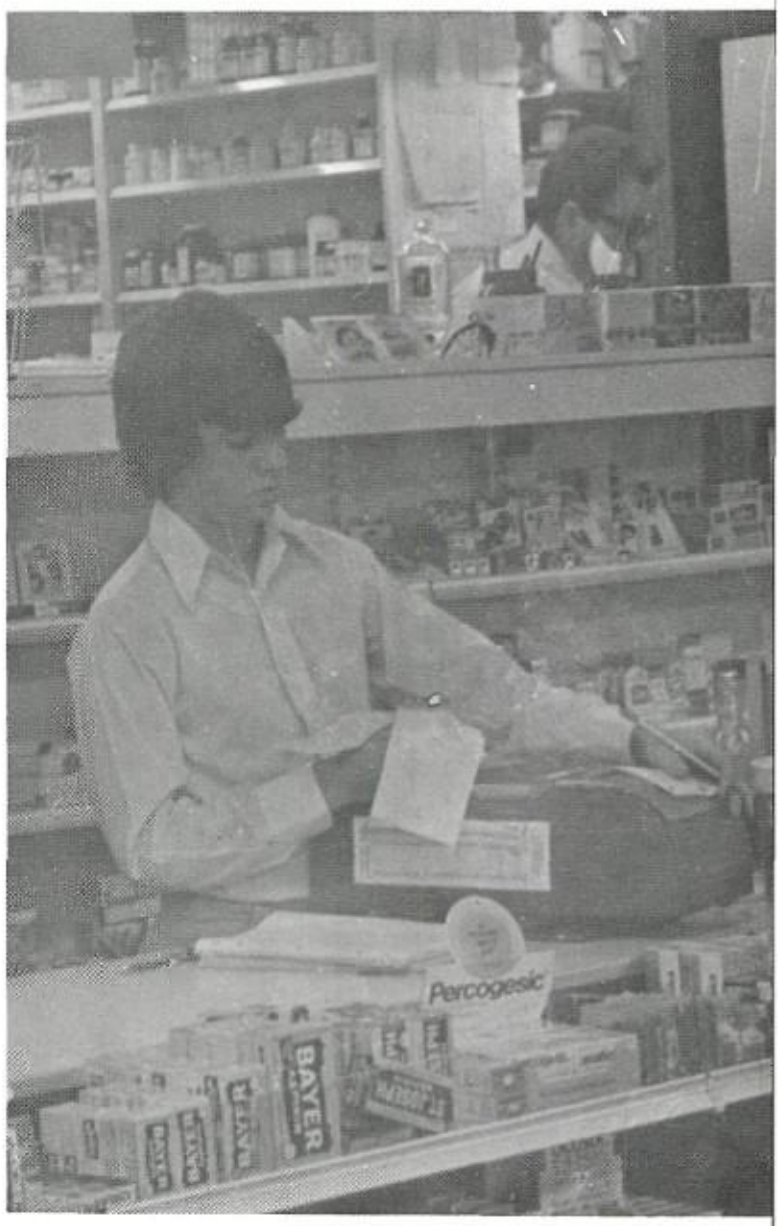


The Right Key Opens Music's Door

"Sing your own special song" could have been the OPHS Singers' motto for 1976-77 as sixty teenagers blended their personalities into a harmony of cooperation. The choir, on the whole, is a stable group. Approximately 80% of those enrolled participate the next year. "The feeling that we're all working for the same goal is why I took choir again," explained Sara Powell. "I just like to sing," said Bonnie Turnbow.

The music the choir has performed this year isn't any more difficult than before; but an exacting Jerry Roberts demands a more skillful execution of the pieces than in the past. "Since this was his second year, he wasn't so apprehensive," remarked Buddy Plunkett. "He had heard us sing and knew what to expect."

An appreciation of good music, coupled with a desire to sharpen performance skills, is what leads most choral music students into this noteworthy calling. Third-year student Wendell Bostelmann commented, "Some people take vocal music for an elective; but in my case, it's re-choired."

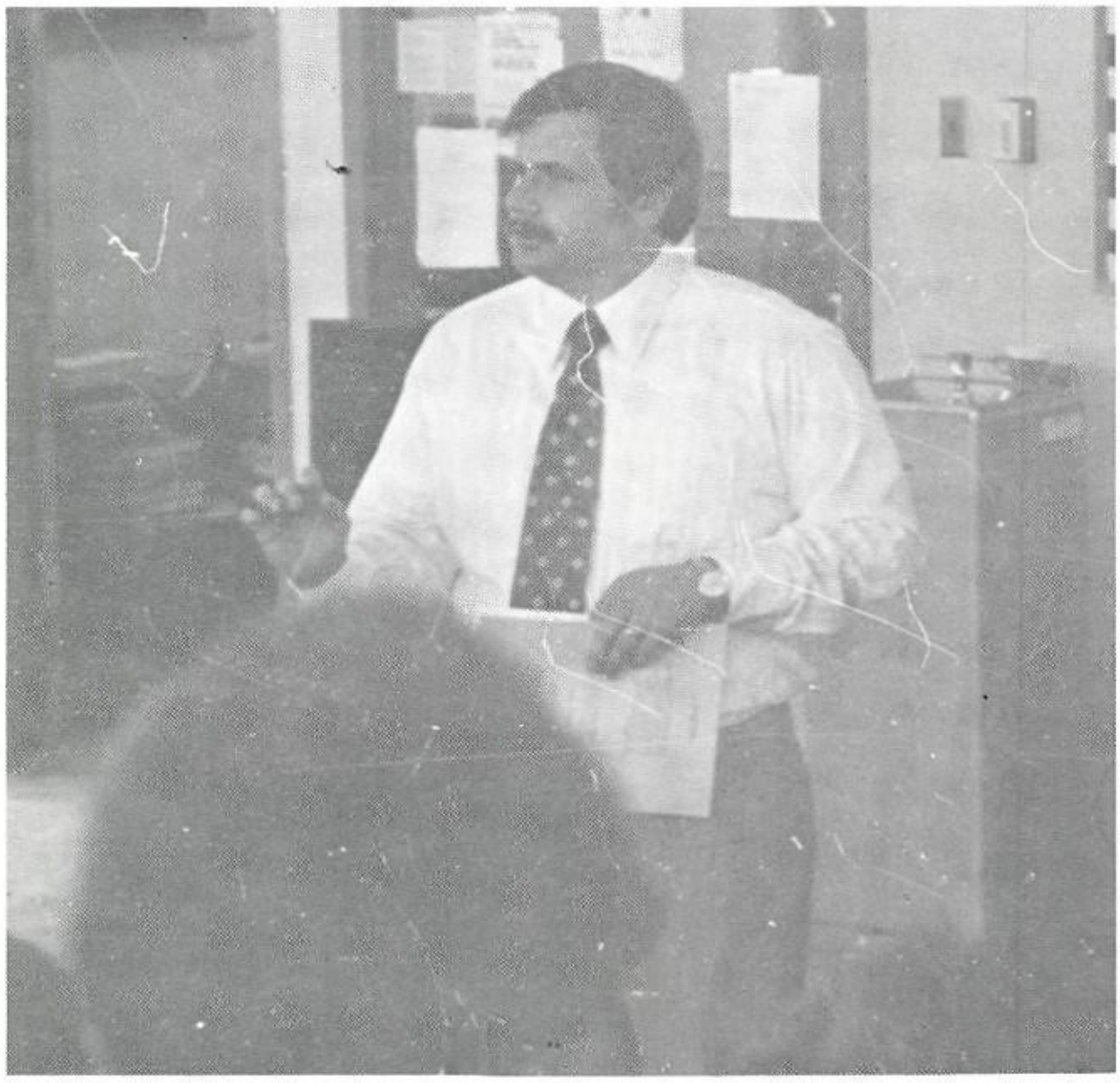
Singers Work For Skills And Expenses

Singing is something everyone cannot do well. Those who can sing and enjoy doing it are the people who make-up the Ouachita Choirs.

The main choir is made of three different groups, Girls Chorus, Men's Chorus, and Mixed Ensemble. All of these combine to form the Ouachita Singers, open to Juniors and Seniors only. Sophomores are not left out. Chorale is their training ground for the Ouachita Singers.

To be able to sing, choir members had to work beyond class time to pay expenses. They sponsored a car wash, and had two candy sales. The money was used to buy a new stereo system and to pay for the trips to State Festival in Hammond and New Orleans.

Students who led the activities were President, Susan Musick; Vice President, Gregg Walker; Treasurer, Robin Bramble; Secretary, Lisa Tendle, and Librarians, Donna Green, and Cherly Headly.



TOP RIGHT: Altos supply harmony at the Spring Concert. TOP: Mr. Roberts gives last minute instructions concerning their approaching concert. RIGHT: Voices blend to perfection as the Ouachita Singers prepare for an upcoming Choir Festival.

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Students Band Together

Nothing is greater than the sweet sound of success, and Ouachita band students know from experience how true this is. It takes years of careful training to make a Ouachita band member. Many people start learning to play an instrument as early as the sixth grade. Not all of these, however, have the perseverance and drive necessary to make it to the Ouachita band.

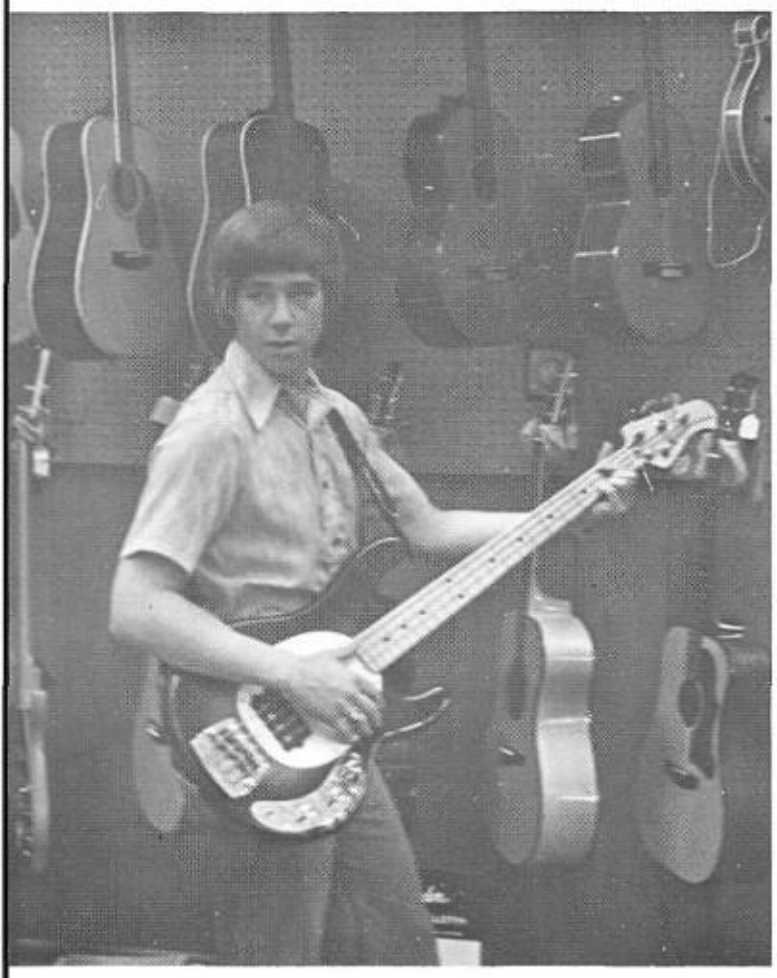
Everyone involved in band has the stamina needed to make music works of perfection. They are, in effect, the "cream of the crop."

Working together all band members create music for their own enjoyment and for the expansion of Ouachita's name in music circles.

ABOVE: Bill Savage, Drum Major for the Ouachita Band, cuts a striking figure in his uniform. ABOVE RIGHT: The Ouachita band members chosen for the 76-77 All-State Band were from left to right: Bill Savage, Angela Carroll, Linda Layburn, Jackie Burgin, and Cheryl Hill.

ABOVE LEFT: Band Officers. Top Row, Bill Savage, Drum Major; Julie Giroux, Sophomore Representative; Jackie Burgin, Senior Representative; Front Row, Cindy Culpepper, Librarian; Stewart Robinette, President; Cheryl Hill, Junior Representative. LEFT: Brass Section. First Row, Jimmy Burgin, Curt Kennedy, Harold Roberts, Jason Aston. Second Row, Dale Berry, Tommy Easterling, Charles Richards, David Hendrix, Eddie Kicker, Keith Thrash, Ricky Duncan, David Cole, Cecil Sharp, Jay Frost, Steve Price, Barry Johnson. Third Row, Gail Caldwell, Eddie Tayler, Randy McKoin, Terry Godwin, Stewart Robinette, Eddie Mc Gough, Dennis Renfroe, Jackie Burgin, Julie Giroux, Mike Williams, Cindy Culpepper, Leslie Weedman, Clifton Moore, Don Fox.

BELOW: Mike Valladao gets in tune with one of the high quality guitars at **ZEAGLER'S MUSIC SHOP.** Everything musical to create beautiful sounds is at Zeagler's, **1830 TOWER DRIVE.** For sheet music, lessons, and instruments, contact **322-2621.**



TOP: Rushing through the rain, band members load up for their trip to Troy. ABOVE: Members of the low woodwind section are; front row, Mick Lane, Kevin Baer; second row, Bruce Redden, Eddie Murphy, Angela Carroll, Sherra Greer; third row, Gay Carter, James Ware, Stewart Forwood, Patti Randol; fourth row, Ricky Woodham, Ronnie Lynd, Marti Fisher, and Billy Sanson.

Band Students Are Off-Beat

"Band freak!" This is the term given to Ouachita band students by those not familiar with the routines and idiosyncrasies of the band. Band members are often looked upon with a sense of awe, or at least bewilderment.

Even when walking down the halls, or working in the library, Ouachita band students are easily recognizable. They exude an aura of accomplishment that comes from being in one of the best high school bands in the state.

Practically each individual in Ouachita's band loves music and devotes a great deal of time to making music in the band. This devotion, while making Ouachita's band topnotch, denotes band members, and sets them apart from other Ouachita students.

TOP: The '76-77 Ouachita Band Flag Corps members are Debra Aston, Brenda Thompson, Luci Lipscomb, Kathryn Heyward, Anne Braddock, Marion Harris, Cheryl Hill, and Patti Randol. ABOVE: Those playing clarinet or flute are, front row, Kathryn Heyward, Mike Valladao, Bill Savage, Cheryl Hill; second row, Diane VonBehren, Cheree' Toney, Melissa Sayer, Angie Walters; third row, Jennifer Witt, Sharon Gardner, Brenda Thompson, Linda Smith; fourth row, LaVonna Gilreath, Anne Braddock, Linda Layburn, and Luci Lipscomb.

RIGHT: Mr. Halbrook stands back to watch his Christmas card be positioned. The cards, created in first period, were one of the new changes in student activities devised by the student government. FAR RIGHT: Becky Attaway tabulates votes while fellow sophomore senator, Paula Ensminger, explains voting procedures to Jimmy Dunn. TOP FAR RIGHT: Student government members point out the need to "Name That Lion." ABOVE: Executive council members and class senators pose with Cheepa II, Ouachita's newly named mascot. Left to right are Paula Ensminger, Lanny Spence, Kim Stites, Larry Johnson, Barry Lee, Dawn Hudson, Laura Causey, Sharon Ingram, Bill Travis, Becky Attaway, Adrian Frost, Chrystel Sharp, Drew Haynes, Mark Blackwelder, Susan Ensminger, and Clay Lee.

RIGHT: Assistant manager Michael Atkinson and manager Randy Greene are two of the friendly and experienced personnel at **MONROE RENT-ALLS,** waiting to provide rental accessories from punch bowls for a wedding to pipe fitting machinery for that leaky sewer line. If buying is out of the question but the need is present, come to **615 STERLINGTON ROAD,** or call Michael or Randy at **387-4444** for the finest in rental material.

Fresh Ideas Ignite Student Government

Student government used fresh ideas and personnel to ignite an overwhelming surge of spirit and creativeness during their administration in 76-77. Under the supervision of first-year sponsor, Mr. Warren Landrum, a new approach was taken on traditional student activities and programs. "Our plan was to design our activities to fit their original purposes," explained Mr. Landrum, "even if it meant doing the unusual."

Extraordinary ideas were observed in every aspect of student involvement, especially during Thanksgiving and Christmas assemblies. A more serious tone was demonstrated by the school towards these programs than in recent years. At the end of the Thanksgiving assembly, every person at Ouachita was circled on the gym floor in a prayerful and thankful attitude. For Christmas, Lions shared their spirit with the entire community by displaying giant size Yule cards each first period class had built.

Gathering absentee cards, making morning announcements, and planning activities were ordinary daily chores for student representatives, but even in these, uniqueness and creativity existed. "We tried to get the whole school involved together," remarked student body president, Drew Haynes.

ABOVE: Varsity cheerleaders Patty Trimble, Connie McCain, Julie Grafton, Pam Puckett, Peggy Trimble, Susan Ensminger, Beth Walley, and Karen Draper are always on the top of things. RIGHT: Karen Draper finds leading Ouachita students is one yell of a job.

Cheerleaders Spring Into Action

April 1976 brought not only spring and rain but also the Ouachita cheerleader elections.

Rains were still wet as ever, and spring was just as beautiful as last year, but cheerleader elections had a few changes.

In the past, girls were elected by the student body. In 1976 the girls were selected by a panel of judges. The panel consisted of four faculty members and two special guests.

Another change in the elections was the membership of two squads. There have always been two squads at Ouachita, but the 1976-77 varsity cheerleaders were all seniors and the junior varsity consisted of juniors.

Though there were changes in the selection of cheerleaders, the winners all worked together for one reason, "To back the Lion pack!"

TOP LEFT: The Junior Varsity cheerleaders keep things jumping at the Homecoming pep rally. BOTTOM LEFT: Junior Varsity cheerleaders Allison Rhymes, Kelli Simmons, Alise Pressley, Debra McBroom, Cheryl Renfrow, Lydia Viola, Sandy DeLaSalle, and Susie Knight plan their pyramids as skillfully as they do their cheers.

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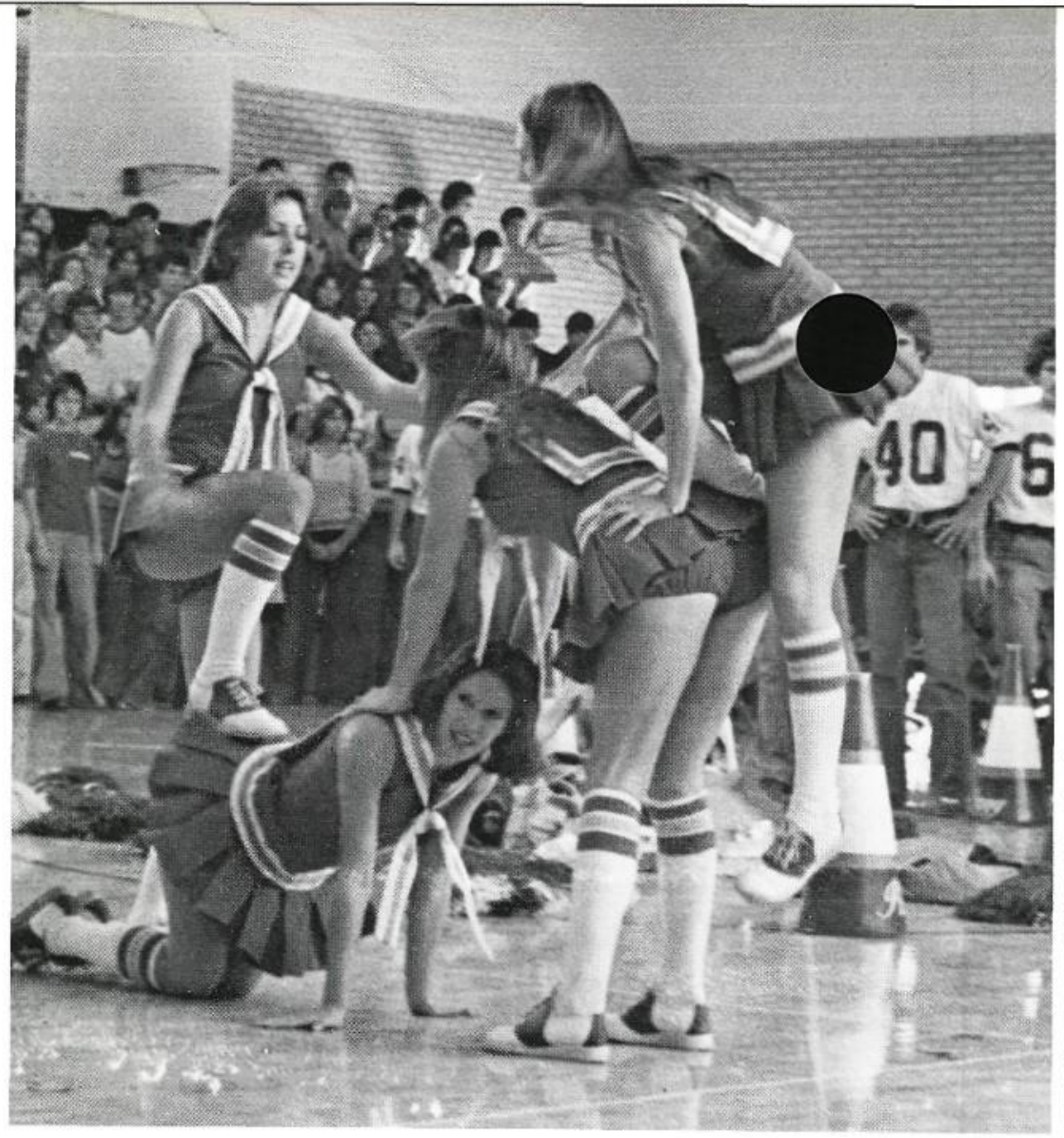


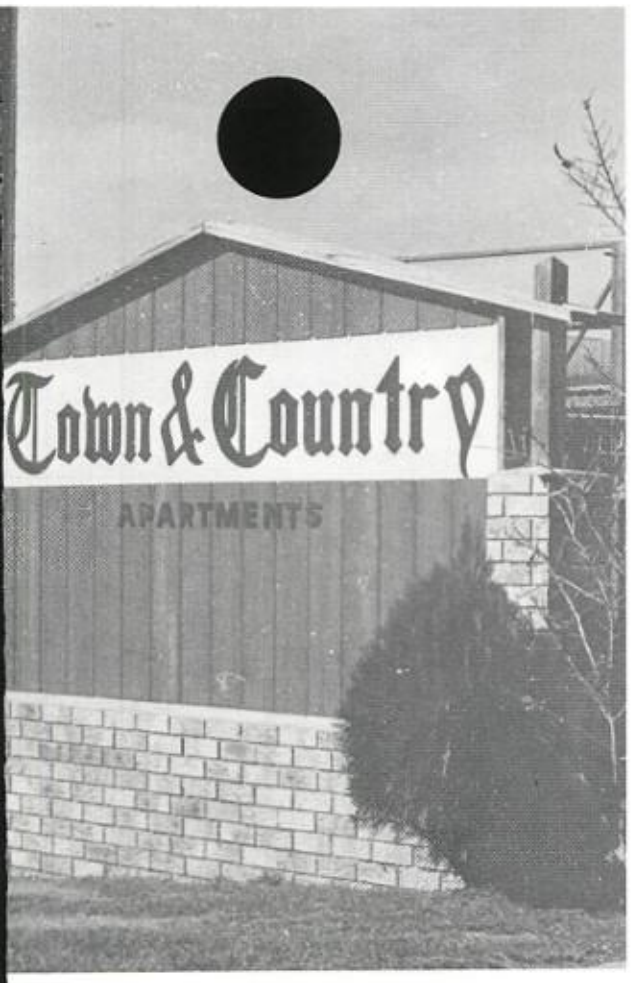
Cheerleaders Serve As Dual Leaders

Leading cheers was the job of all cheerleader squads, but Ouachita cheerleaders did more than this. Not only did the squads serve as leaders on the field but also in the school.

Practicing took up most of the girls time but some took time out to study. Six members of the squads participated in high honor clubs. These girls were Karen Draper, Susan Ensminger, Allison Rhymes, Kelli Simmons, Peggy Trimble and Patty Trimble.

Many people think that cheerleaders only lead cheers. But the Ouachita squad proved them wrong; they were more than just cheerleaders.

TOP RIGHT: J. V. cheerleaders Debra McBroom, Alise Pressley, Susie Knight and Sandy DeLaSalle build up the Lion spirit at the homecoming pep rally. RIGHT: Varsity cheerleaders Karen Draper, Patty Trimble, and Pam Puckett boogie down at the Neville pep rally.



Dandy-Lions Strut Their Stuff

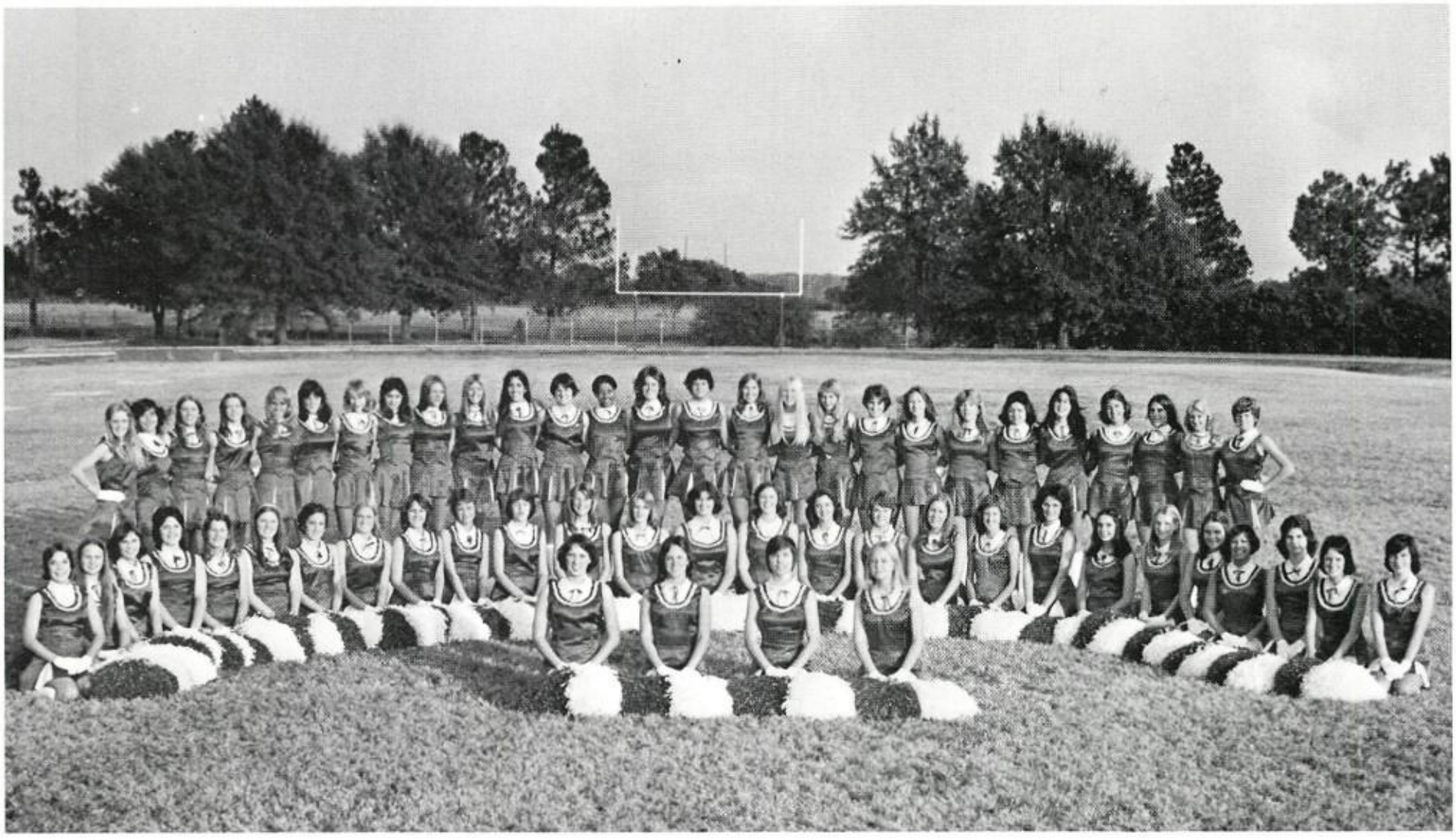
"I am proud to present to you tonight the 1976-77 Dandy-Lions," announced L. J. Fontenot.

The Ouachita Dandy-Lions pranced onto the field in four single-file lines, the music began, and the Ouachita Dandy-Lions strutted their stuff.

The drill team was the largest in Louisiana; an accomplishment in itself. But the Dandy-Lions didn't settle just for being the largest, "we tried to be the best," declared Bonnie Harrell.

"When I went out for Dandy-Lions, I didn't go out just for dance and drill," said Barbara Byrd. "I went out for Ouachita."

LEFT: The familiar Town and Country Apartments sign represents the spacious apartments, tournament tennis courts, large swimming pool, and convenient washateria located at **32 OLD STERLINGTON ROAD.** If you are tired of the high costs of owning your own home, check with **TOWN AND COUNTRY APARTMENTS** at **343-5944** for leasing information.



The 1976-77 Dandy-Lions—FRONT: Senior co-captain, Jana Jones, Senior co-captain, Debbie Turner, Junior co-captain, Beth Templeton, captain, Lisa Sanders. FIRST ROW: Candy Spears, Susan Arender, Laura Walker, Wanda Sandidge, Debbie Hord, Marjo Webb, Sonja Heidenreich, Kelly Price, Debbie Moore, Kim Hudson, Barbara Byrd, Terri Williams, Terri Hale, Sharon Ingram, Karen Edwards, Kim Newton, Joni Marionneaux, Paula Ensminger, Toni Stevens, Vicky Hutzell, Becky Attaway, Terri Towery, Kimpa Knox, Nani Dye, Sondra West, Marilyn McDuff, Marti Borden. SECOND ROW: Pam Childress, Rhonda Smith, Robin Draper, Bonnie Harrell, Kim Stites, Kristy Kolb, Lesa Lee, Cindy Nelson, Lori Campbell, Chrystel Sharp, Laura Causey, Sara Sheppard, Maureen Nelson, Emily Bramble, Susan Clark, Margaret White, Karen Duke, Brenda Andrews, Cindy Turner, Liese Adams, Maxine Laird, Kathy Nichols, Cindy Fisher, Kelly Sanders.

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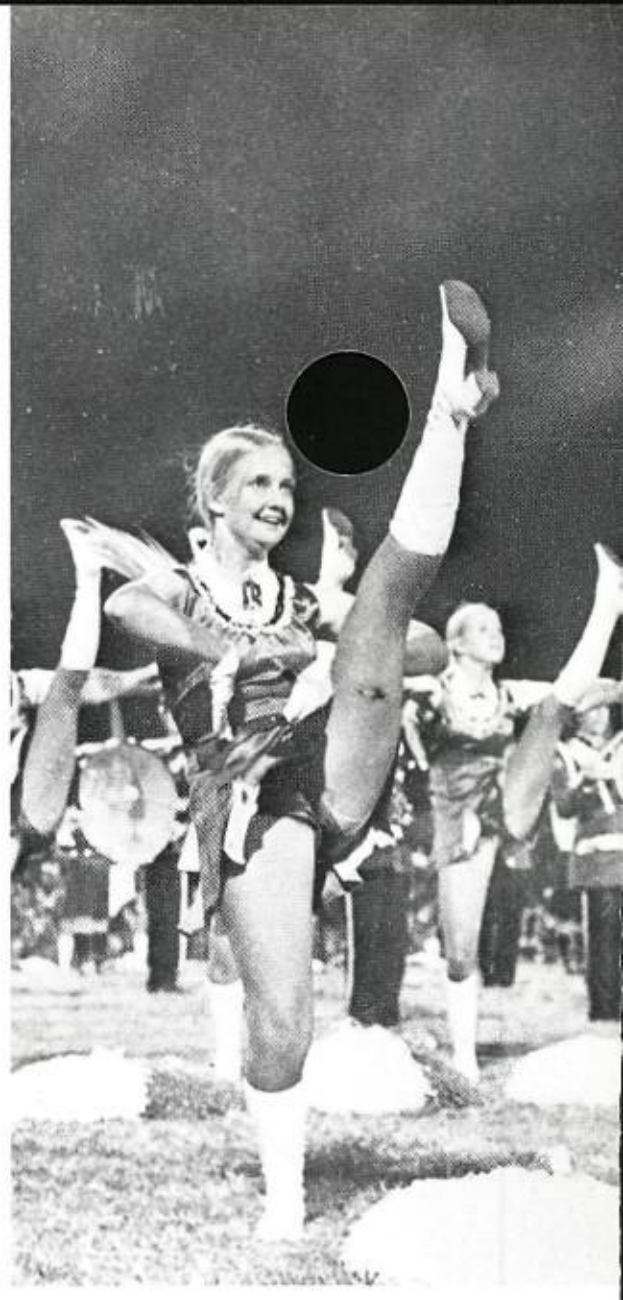
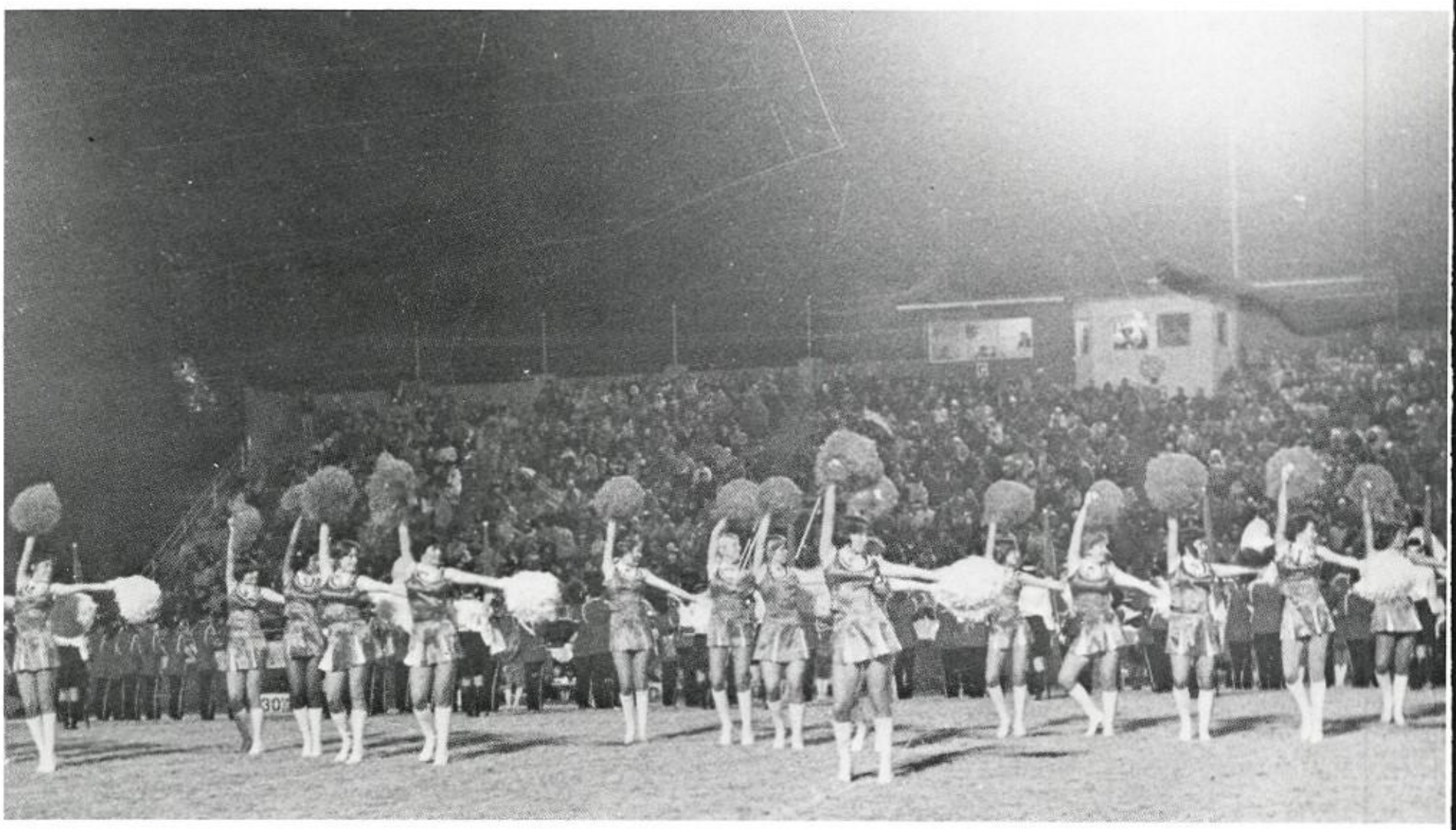
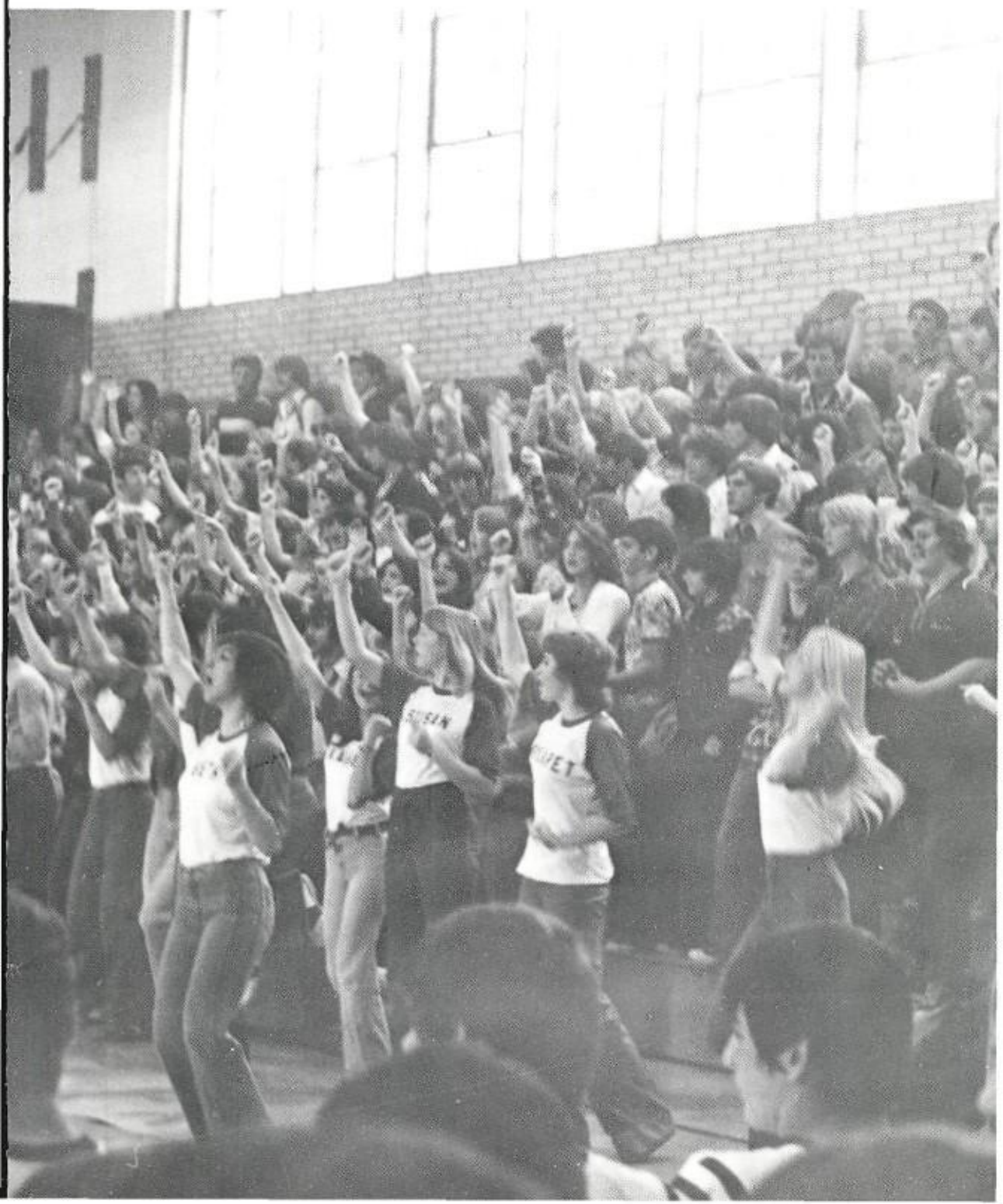




TOP: Lisa Sanders leads the Dandy-Lions into a whole new year. TOP RIGHT: With bellowing voices and outstretched arms the Dandy-Lions give their best to out yell the students. ABOVE: The Dandy-Lions do the hustle at the Neville-Ouachita game. RIGHT: The Dandy-Lions wait in sweltering heat for the students to arrive at the DeRidder pep rally.



"Dancing Queens" Rule at Halftime

"Swing those hips! Point your toes!"

Preparing a half-time show was a full-time job for the 1976-77 Dandy-Lions. The girls practiced sixth period and after school learning new dances and trying for perfection.

Dancing wasn't the only thing the Dandy-Lions did. They entertained the football team with lemonade, cake, and watermelon parties.

Though the girls didn't have much time to themselves, their work was regarded in many different ways. They earned a credit toward high school graduation and experienced the joy of entertaining. The Lion fans rewarded the girls with standing ovations throughout football season.

Emily Bramble said, "I try my best to get the dance down, and those few moments on the field make it all worth while."

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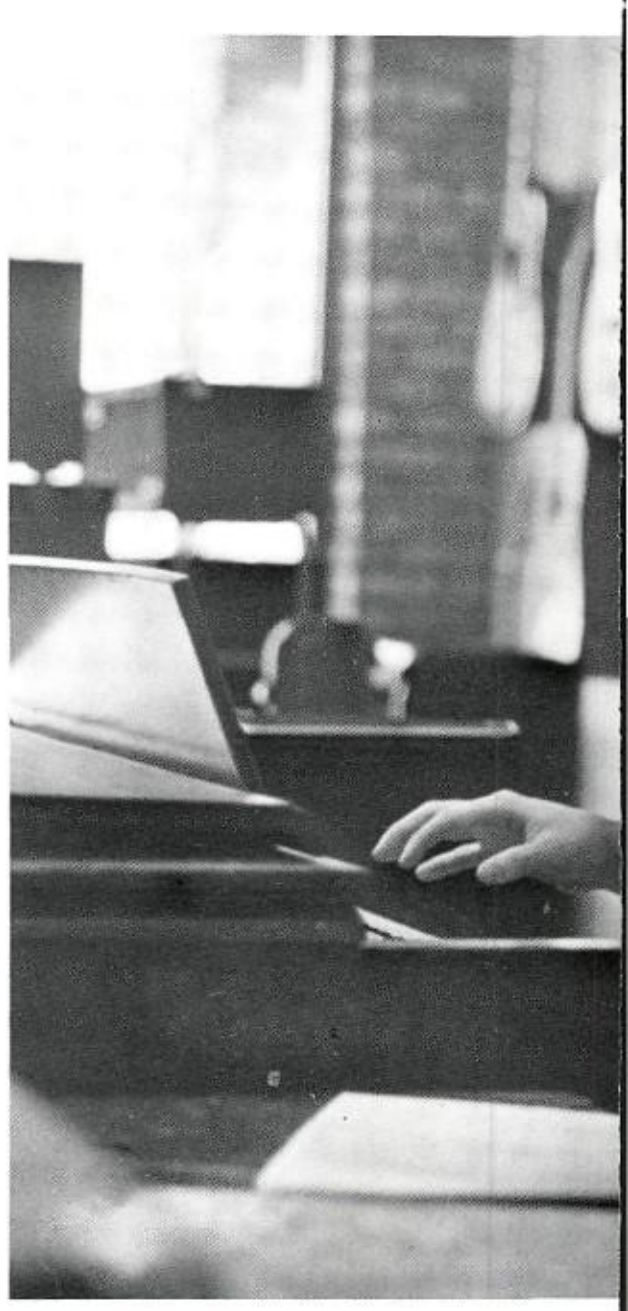
Students Spend Time Making Jam

KNOE-AM, FM, and KREB were favorites of Ouachita students. The stations were as individual as the Lions jukin' to them.

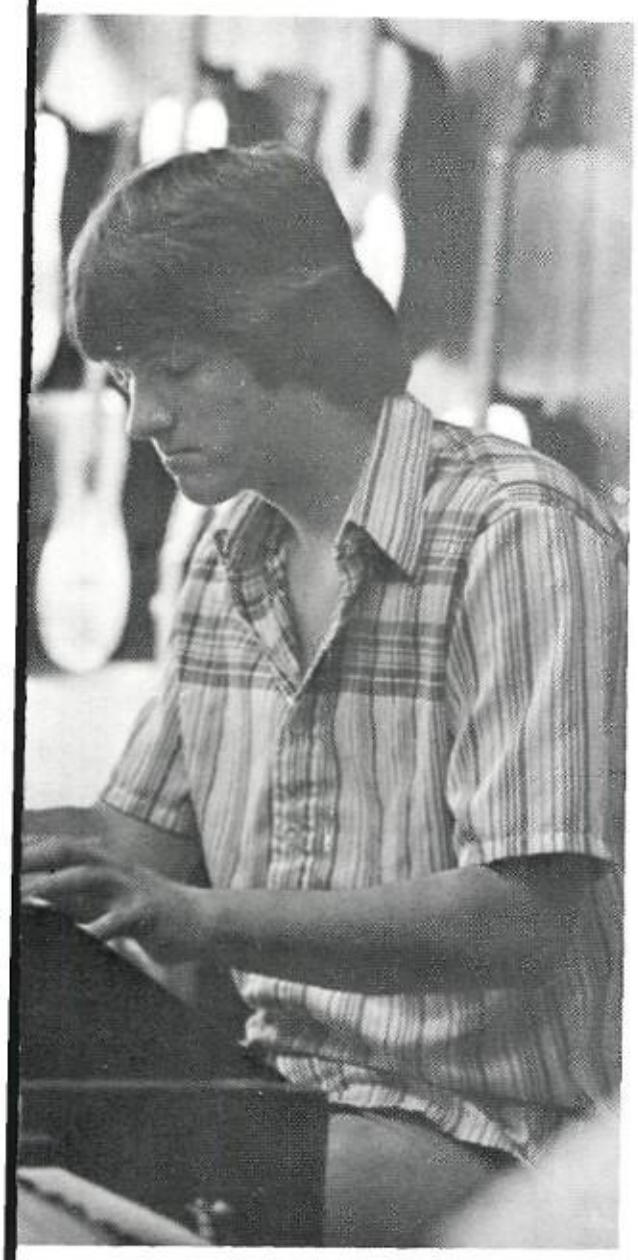
The age of disco music rolled in this year as students jammed down to such hits as "Get the Funk Out of My Face," "Turn the Beat Around" and "Rubber Band Man." New forms of the "Hustle" and the "Bump" originated as students perfected them.

Although rock played the biggest part in music favorites, many students preferred the country sound. Many country songs spoke of a "Broken Lady" and had students crying, "9,999,999 Tears." Festivals starring Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Linda Ronstadt found their way to local fair grounds.

Each day as "Lido Shuffle" and "Can't Get It Right" climbed the charts, parents climbed the walls while their Ouachita sons and daughters filled their homes with the never-ending "jam."



LEFT: A. M. Halbrook turns on to the quadrophonic sound of the LSU fight song. FAR LEFT: Billie Falgout browses through the top 20 albums in search of the Commodore's newest release, *Hot on the Track*. BELOW FAR LEFT: Brett Ripley applies his talent to the latest model of a Kimball organ.



ABOVE: Libby, the on-line, anytime teller, is at **OUACHITA NATIONAL BANK** 24 hours-a-day to help Lillian Inzina, and other customers, with banking needs. Libby provides the most convenient service in everything from depositing money to making withdrawals. Libby is on duty at the following locations: **UNIVERSITY BRANCH, 3220 LOUISVILLE, 130 DE SIARD, 700 N. 4th, 301 Mc MILLAN RD., 603 JACKSON** and **NORTH 18th.**

Different Students Make Ouachita Whole

The whole idea of the 1977 Roarer is to feature everything and everyone who did it. Organized activities such as football and band have always been covered, but individuals are also a part of Ouachita.

To give these people recognition the Roarer staff held a poetry contest. Many works were submitted, but six were chosen the finest.

These are a few of the people and talents that have made Ouachita a Whole New Idea.

Linda Riggins

emotion
contained within 'till bursting aloud
like flowers in the spring

a secret
lying, waiting
like a fawn in the brush

a whisper
fading in and fading out
like stars in the night

alive within me
skimming through the air
like antelope at play

surrounding my mind
running silent
like wolves over snow

Susan Braddock

Someone once asked me,
"Why do you write poetry?"
And I thought,
"What a pity
that this person
can't hear the lyrics because the music is too loud.
And so I told him
"I do not know."

What About Today

Tomorrow is a new day.
So all the poets say!
But what about today?
Must I endure the tortures of today
and wait for the pain
to leave me tomorrow?
What about today, poets?
What about today?

Help me to see the beauty of a crooked tree . . .
That everything can't be straight and clean
And that's the way it was meant to be.
Help me to look over the faults and see the best . . .
Nature is perfect
And can put a mind at rest.
What hurts if the tree is a little leaning?
It is still a work of art . . .
Full of beauty, full of meaning.

DANA LA PRAIRIE

Chris Bryant

Tomorrow's Dream

Tomorrow is but a dream;
A dream of life, but not
a lifetime of dreams.
A dream is a thought of
tomorrow's life. A
dream is not a lifetime
of tomorrow, for soon
Tomorrow's Dream will
be Today's life.

Cheryl Hill

Stillness

Sinking lower into another world
    Where fears are greatly intensified
By the slightest movement of body or soul
    By stillness only is my mind gratified
My eyes ache with their constant heaviness
    Caused I know by my great sorrows
Of knowing and yet not really knowing
    What will come in the following morrows.
My burdened head rest in the palm of my hand
    While diligently I carry on my grueling task
Of sorting out the puzzles and unsolved riddles
    That make my life what it now is—a mask
On I go through narrow tunnels
    Black and hollow and evil-filled
Only to find at the end of each
    My own empty heart; coldly-chilled.

Names, Old and New, Make '76-'77 Headlines

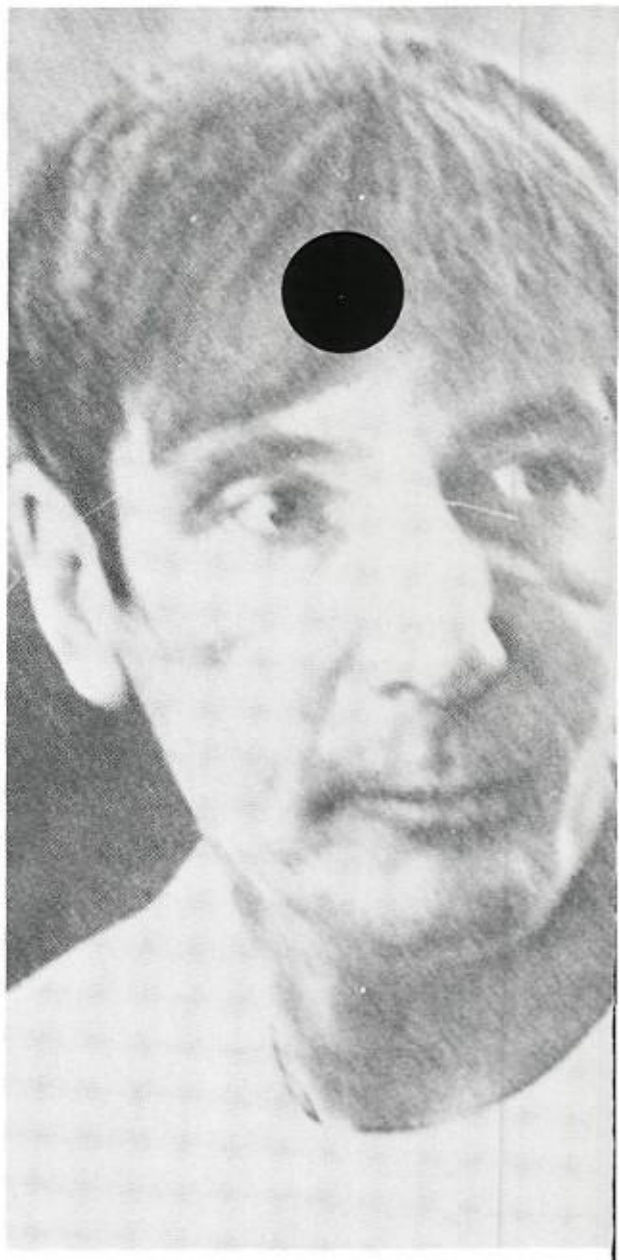
The world in 1976-77 was troubled with disasters.

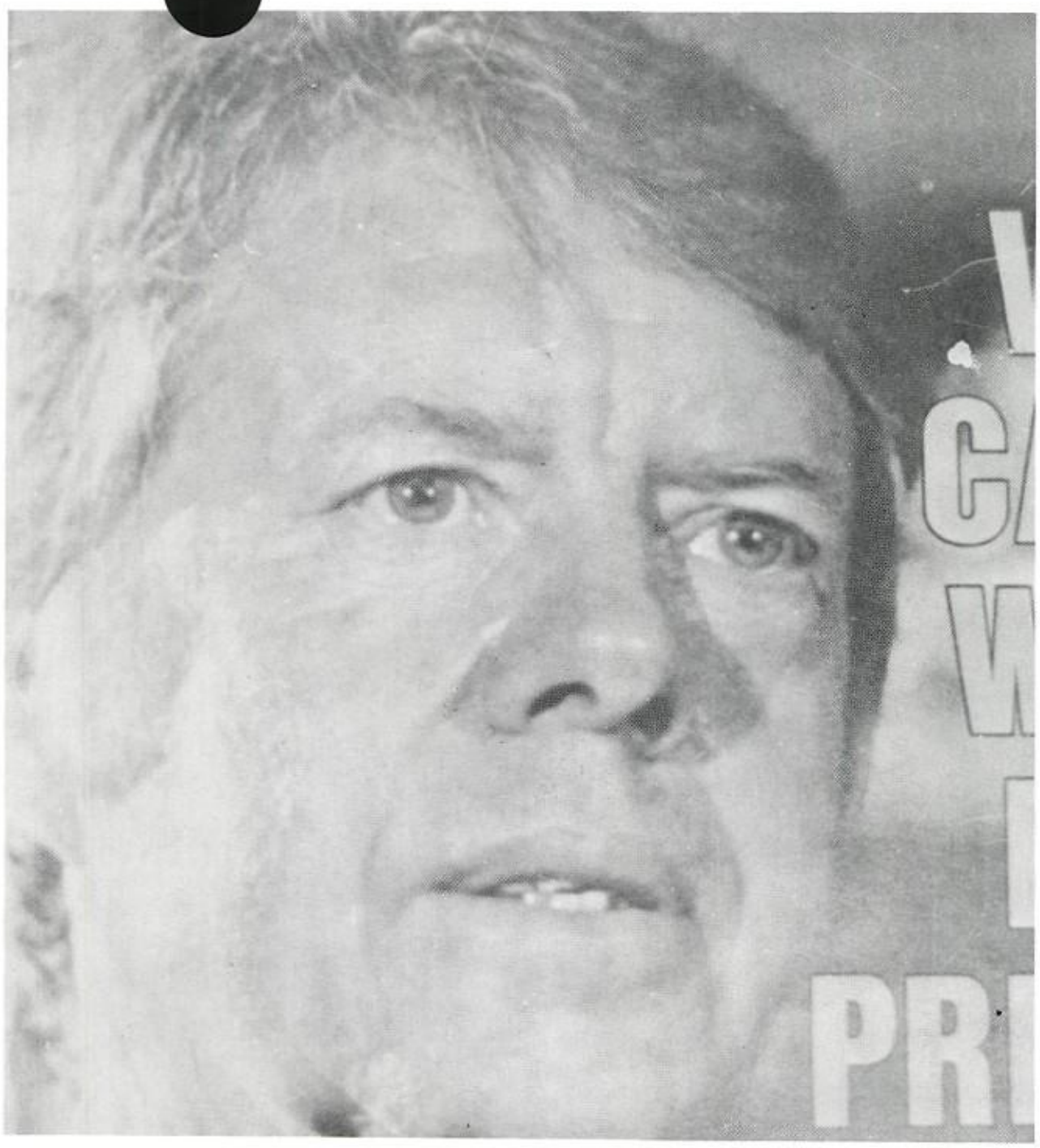
The future of 270 million Chinese was left undetermined when the ruler of China, Mao Tse Tung, died September 9, 1976. He had ruled China for 27 years and served as chairman of the Communist Party.

Another death received national coverage in the U. S. The execution of Gary Gilmore reopened the door to capital punishment after 10 years.

A Southern Democrat, Jimmy Carter defeated incumbent Gerald Ford in the 1976 Presidential election. Carter's plan for the nation included a "peoples administration" and an end to "big" government.

On January 20, as his last official act before leaving office, President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri d' Aquin, formerly known as "Tokyo Rose." She had her citizenship suspended when she was convicted of treason for giving false information to Americans in the Pacific during World War II.





LEFT: The death of Mao Tse Tung, leader of Red China for 27 years, left the country in political turmoil. FAR LEFT: Iva Toguri d' Aquin, "Tokyo Rose," denied bitterness for conviction of treason and suspension of her citizenship after her pardon by President Ford. ABOVE LEFT: Gary Gilmore demanded the death sentence over objections of his family and lawyers, and became the first death by execution in 10 years. ABOVE: Jimmy Carter, a newcomer to national politics, narrowly defeated Gerald Ford in the 1976 Presidential election.

World Events Shake Up The News

The winter of 1976 was one that the whole U. S. will remember. It was one of the coldest in 200 years. The eastern portion had snow and low temperatures that dipped lower than living generations had seen. While the East was covered in snow, the West didn't have enough to support the skiing industry and later suffered an extensive drought.

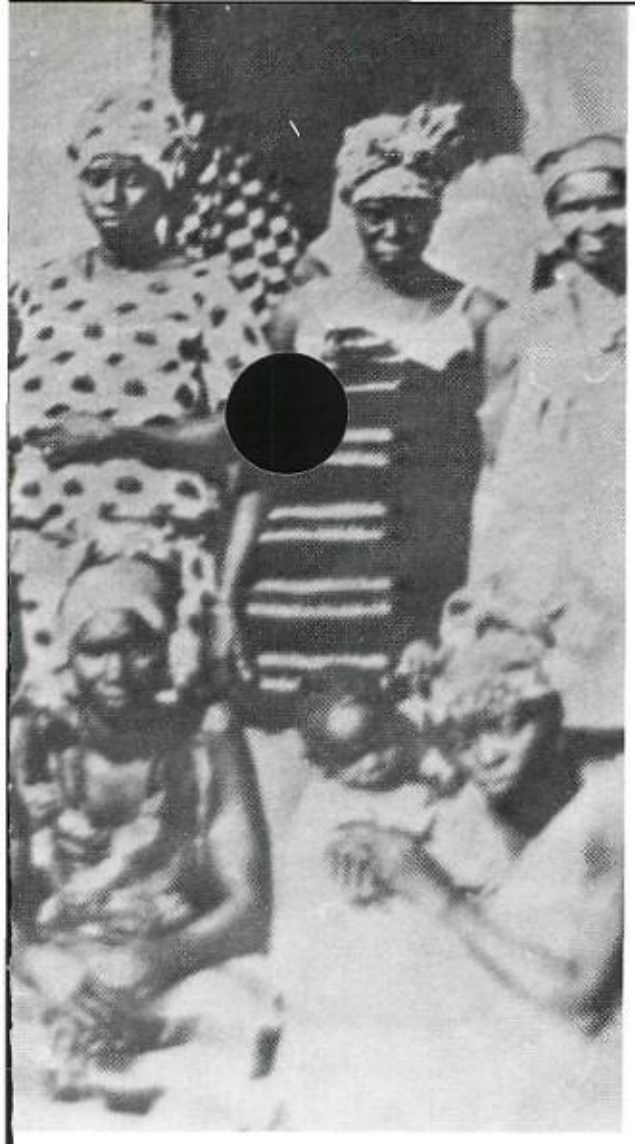
In the Twin Cities, area schools were closed due to the shortage of natural gas during the harsh cold. Ouachita students were out for only three days while some of the other high schools closed for longer periods. Shut downs for some businesses were also necessary to conserve gas.

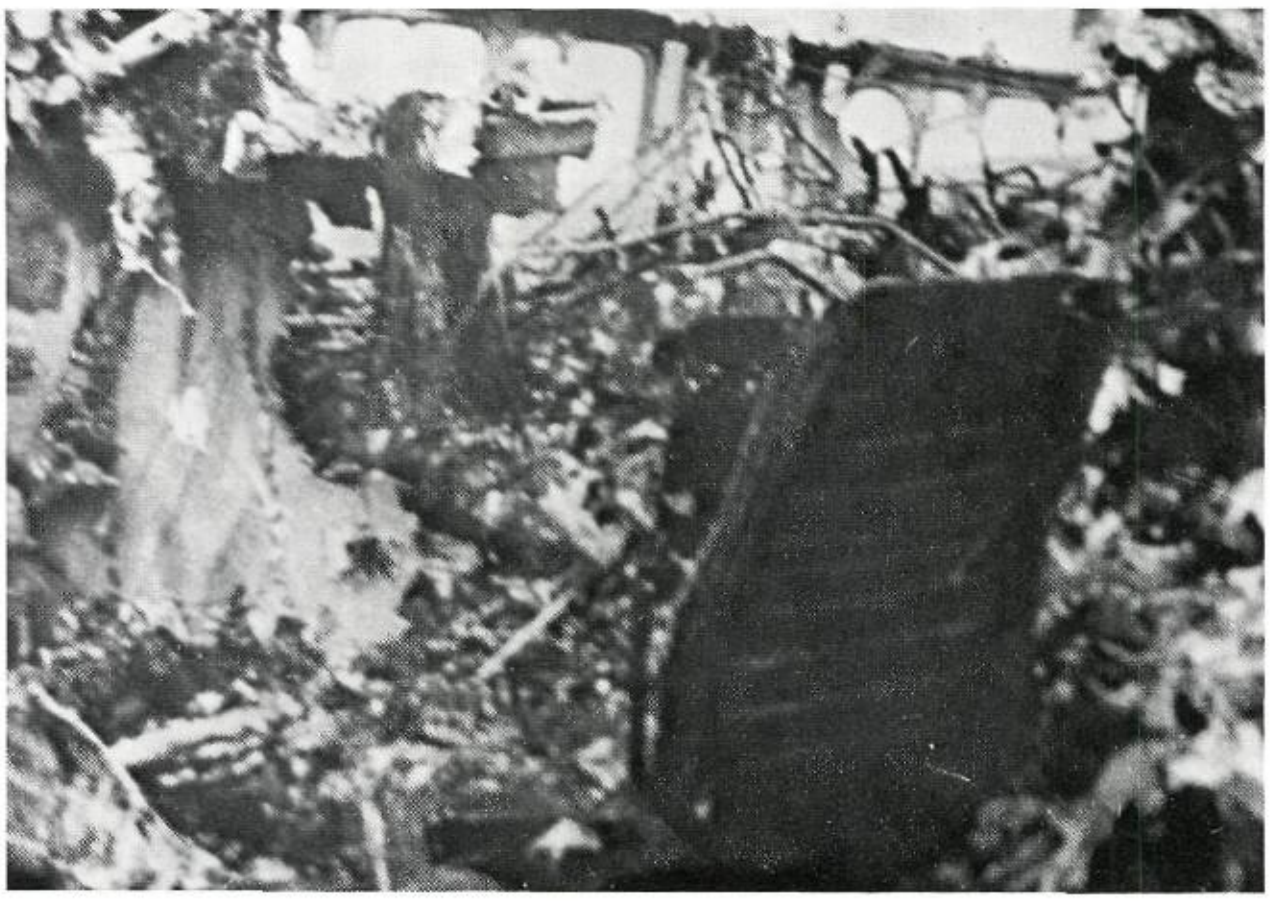
In case of flood, Monroe is protected by the first sidewalk-seawall in the country. It was completed in '77 on South Grand Street along the Ouachita River. Most of the time the seawall will be used as a sidewalk behind the viewing platform but, with the threat of high water, will be raised to serve as a protective levee.

As the U. S. tried to recover from the disastrous weather, Europe had a major earthquake which killed thousands of people. The earthquake extended from Moscow, Russia to Rome, Italy.

Another great loss of life was the result of the worst collision in aviation history. On March 27, a Pan American 747 exploded after it collided with a KLM Royal Dutch Airways jet in the Canary Islands, killing 577. Sixty-nine persons miraculously survived the disaster.

The mini-series "Roots," based on the best-selling novel by Alex Haley, brought 75 million people to their television sets each of the eight nights it was on. "Roots" depicted a black man's search for his African ancestors, their movement to the U. S. as slaves, and the lives they led until the Civil War era. Strong racial tones of the show brought out deep feelings of viewers throughout the U. S., even causing rioting in some Southern locations.





LEFT: A resident of Buffalo, New York, walks through his snow-covered yard as he battles the harsh coldness of the 1977 winter. TOP LEFT: Author of "Roots," Alex Haley, is seated center with Gambian cousins from his ancestral village, Juffree, Africa. TOP RIGHT: A lone seat is all that remains of two 747 jets following a ground collision killing 577 in the Canary Islands. ABOVE: Night time lights blaze wastefully in New York City office buildings despite the increasingly severe energy shortage.

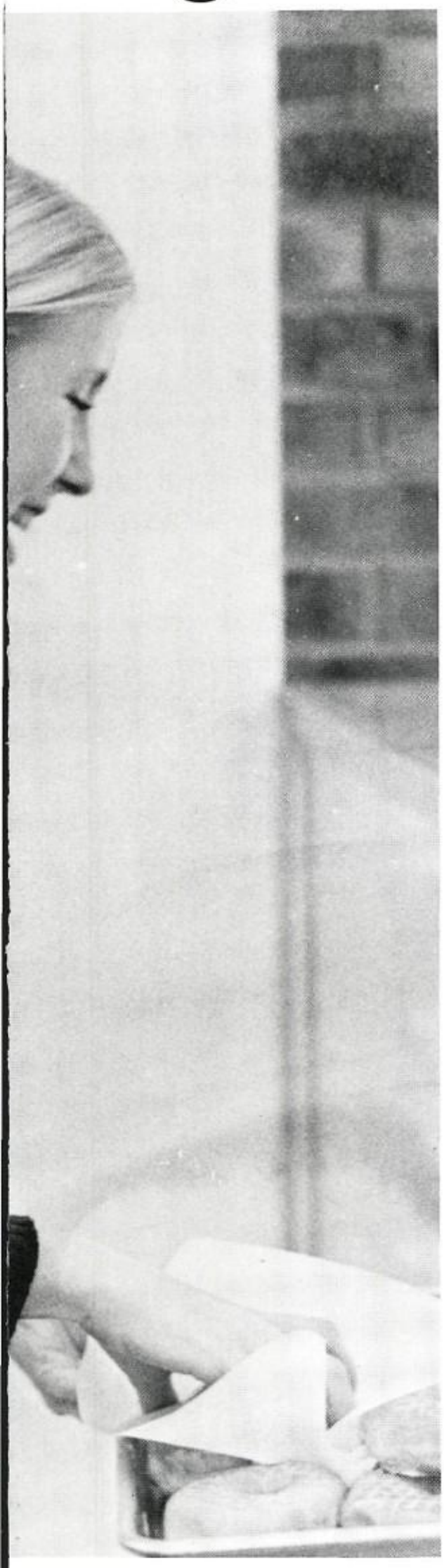
ABOVE RIGHT: Angie Walters takes great care in preparing pizza at **JOHNNY'S PIZZA NO. 4.** Johnny's, at **50 OLD STERLINGTON ROAD,** can cover any appetite with their wide variety of pizzas, muffalettas, and spaghetti. Best of all, with a call to **343-2992,** Johnny's will whisk your order to your door. When your stomach says "Pizza," let Johnny's Pizza handle the message.

Students Manage Labor

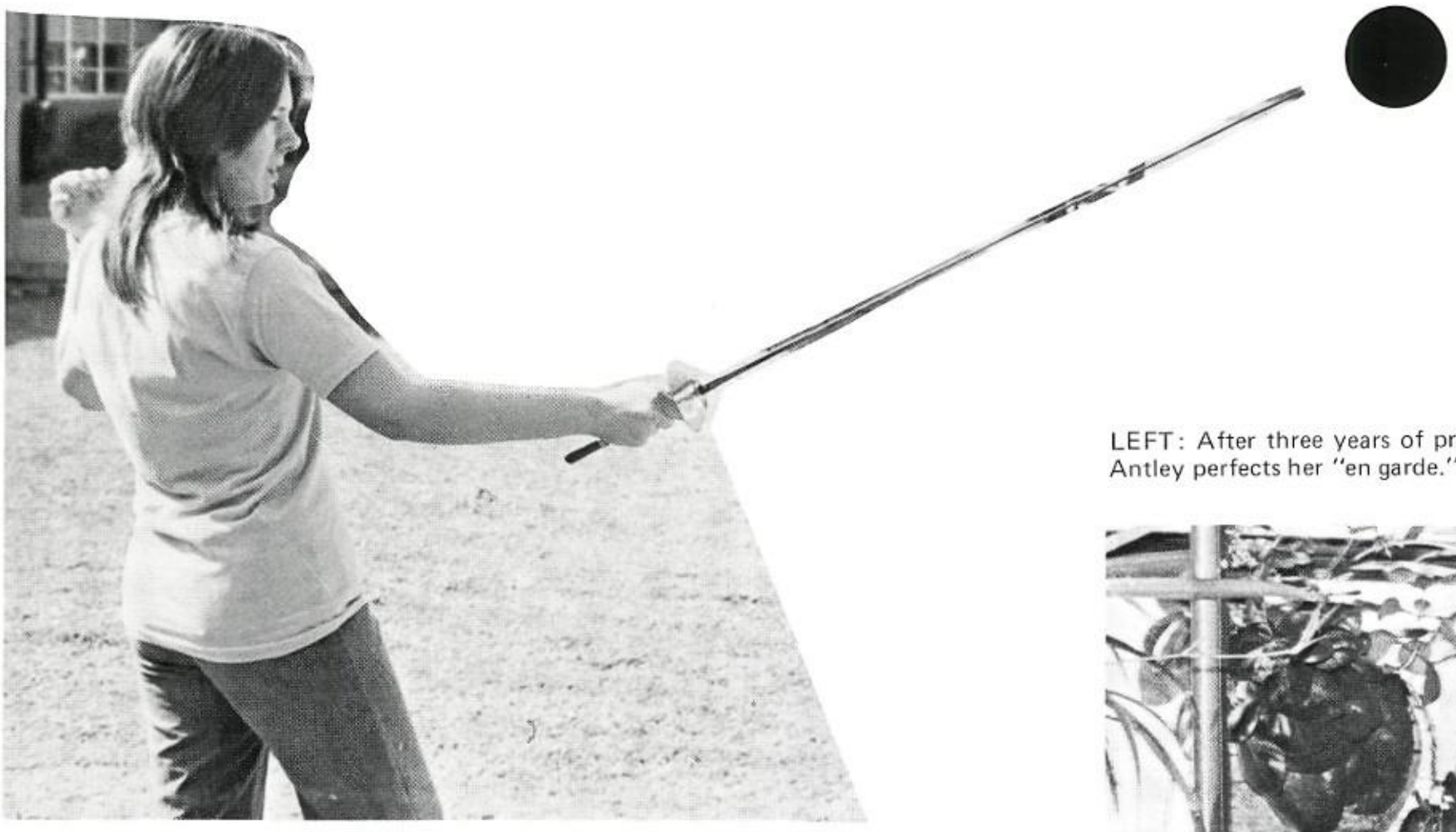
In 1976-77, well over one-third of Ouachita's student body held steady jobs, although few labored merely for enjoyment or prestige. Like Rusty Benton and Adrian Frost, most found themselves working solely for money that was quickly absorbed.

Linda Snock's earnings went toward car payments, while Jo Ann Stanley saved for college. Others' funds were depleted by personal expenses like clothes and entertainment.

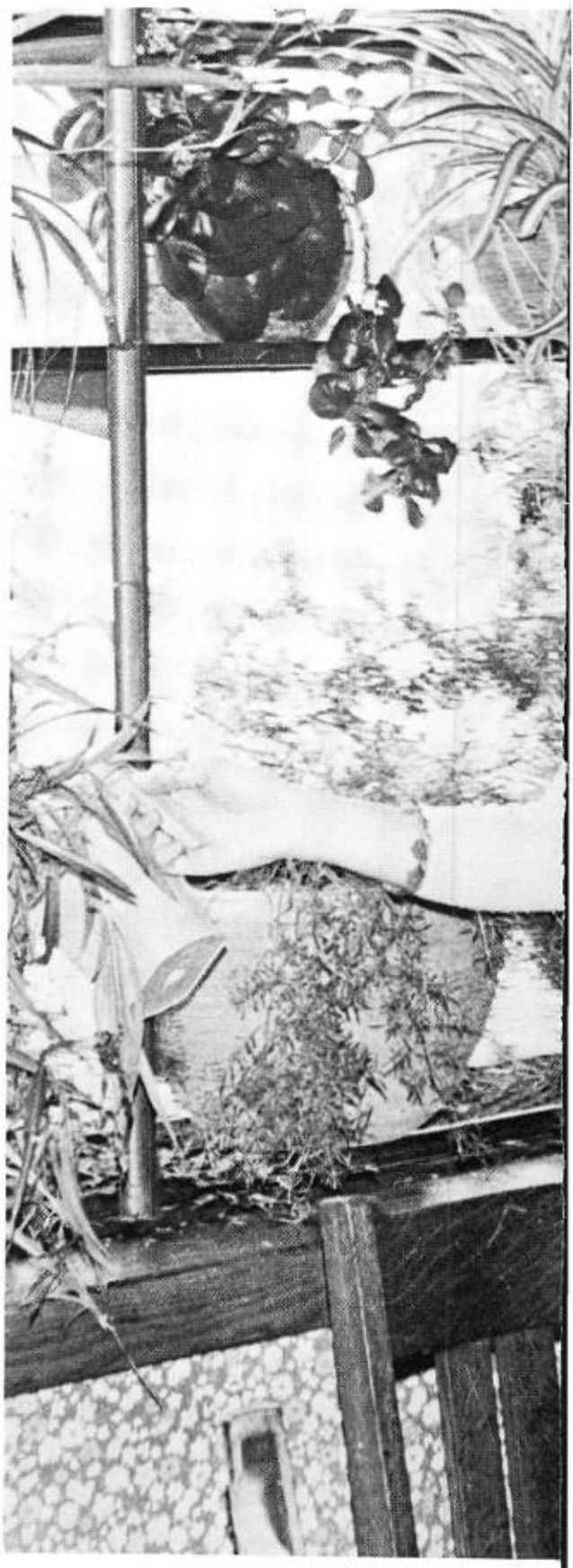
Ouachita students displayed diverse interests in their job hunting. A number of them toiled in fast-food restaurants and pizza parlors. Some preferred sales clerking to secretarial work or pumping gas. In their search for the elusive dollar, however, students discovered unexpected benefits. From the working world, they learned responsibility, punctuality, and cooperation. These assets shed a whole new light on living.



ABOVE: Terry McCart loads groceries with speed and accuracy gained from his years as a Ouachita football player. TOP: Watching for customers is a constant job for Suzi Timmons. Even while folding clothes, she keeps a close eye on her area. LEFT: A *customer's request for only the donut hole* cracks up Emily Bramble. ABOVE FAR LEFT: John Baldwin looks through his menu, trying to decide between the many scrumptious dishes offered at **SAMBO'S RESTAURANT.** Located at **3224 LOUISVILLE AVE.,** Sambo's is open 24 hours a day for your convenience. Come by or call **322-4233.**



LEFT: After three years of practice Sharon Antley perfects her "en garde."



Hobbies Are Full of Feeling

"My hobby? My hobby is an escape; it's an escape into myself. I can express me anyway I want, and I really enjoy that," said sophomore Susan Braddock. Hobbies at Ouachita were more than just a way to kill time. They were outlets for feelings. Rex Dillingham, a gun freak, said "I just go to the rifle range, take out my pistol, and blast all my frustrations away." Drawing and painting was Mary Singler's way of freeing her mind, and Toni Stevens achieved the same effect by writing poetry. Some found outlets in water skiing, dancing, pool, or just watching T. V.

Some hobbies demanded more of the individual than just spare time. Sharon Antley said, "I've spent years learning to fence, and it was worth it." But no matter what Ouachita people did, whatever it was, sleeping or sky diving, all had some kind of hobby.

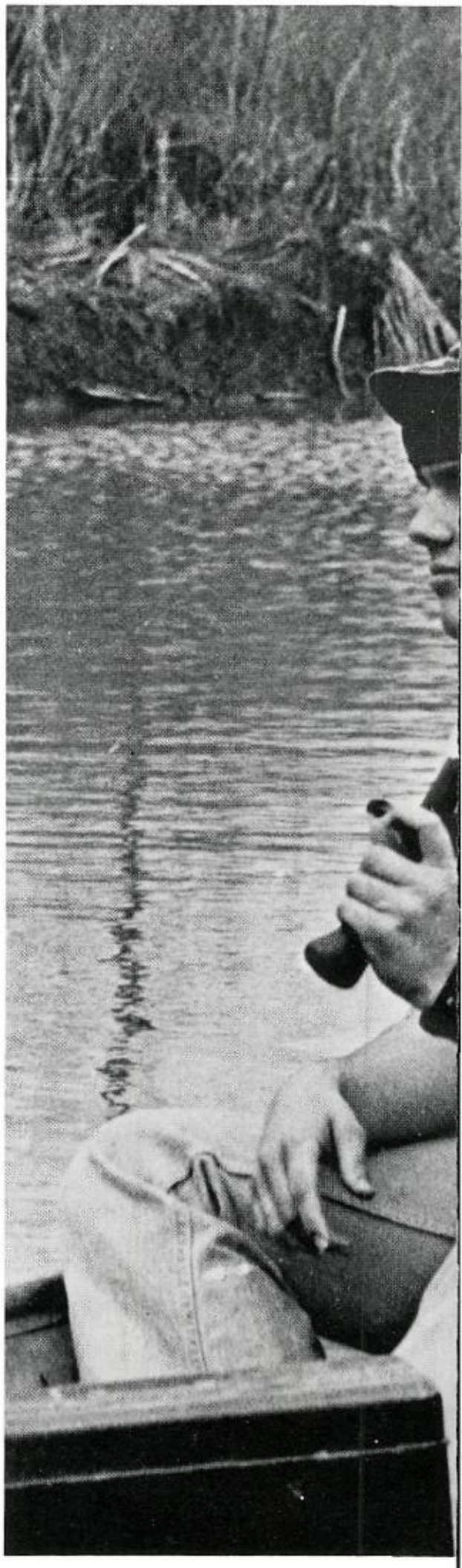
LEFT: Bret Ripley thinks of new moves, different shots and all that jazz before stepping onto the court for his recreation basketball game. CENTER: Mrs. Carol LaBlanc takes great care in making sure the whole plant is being watered.

ABOVE: Jody Pettit and Renee McKoin visit **CARTER'S CAMPING CENTER** on **CHENIERE ROAD** in **WEST MONROE** to inspect their selection of campers and motor homes. Carter's has numerous models available, plus they will repair and service your purchase. Come by or call them at **396-2225.**

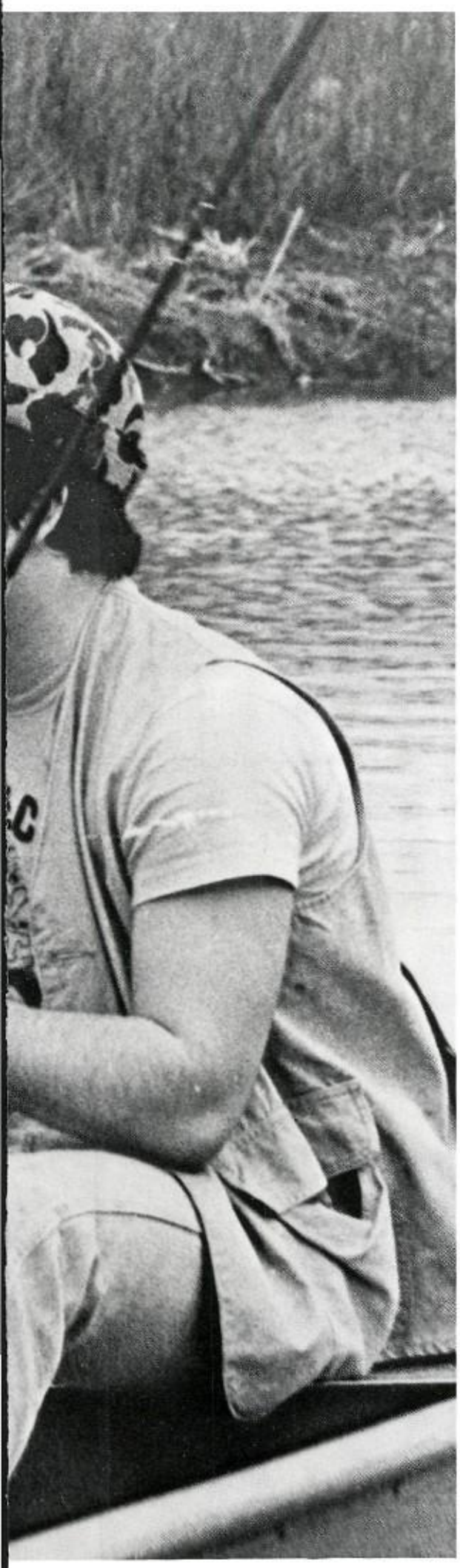
Outdoor Life Is Always a Bang

Hunting and fishing were year-round activities at Ouachita, as pastimes and competitive sports. Hunting tales of record duck bags and fishing stories of what hot lures used to win a bass tournament were everywhere.

Enjoyment occasionally led to special rewards. After difficulty with his caller, Coach Colvin won the Ouachita Wildlife Duck Calling award. But awards were not the real rewards of outdoor life. The enjoyment of forest scenery, the solitude of a quiet lake, and the companionship of fellow outdoorsmen were pleasures that all sportsmen enjoyed.



ABOVE: Preparing for tomorrow's early morning hunt, Johnny Johnson and Mark Meece load their Jeep. RIGHT: With the bustle of Lion football season over, Pat Murphy has many lazy days for fishing. TOP RIGHT: Tim Hudson watches closely for any sign of movement while stalking a 'coon. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mike Hargon switches baits hoping that it will land the big one.



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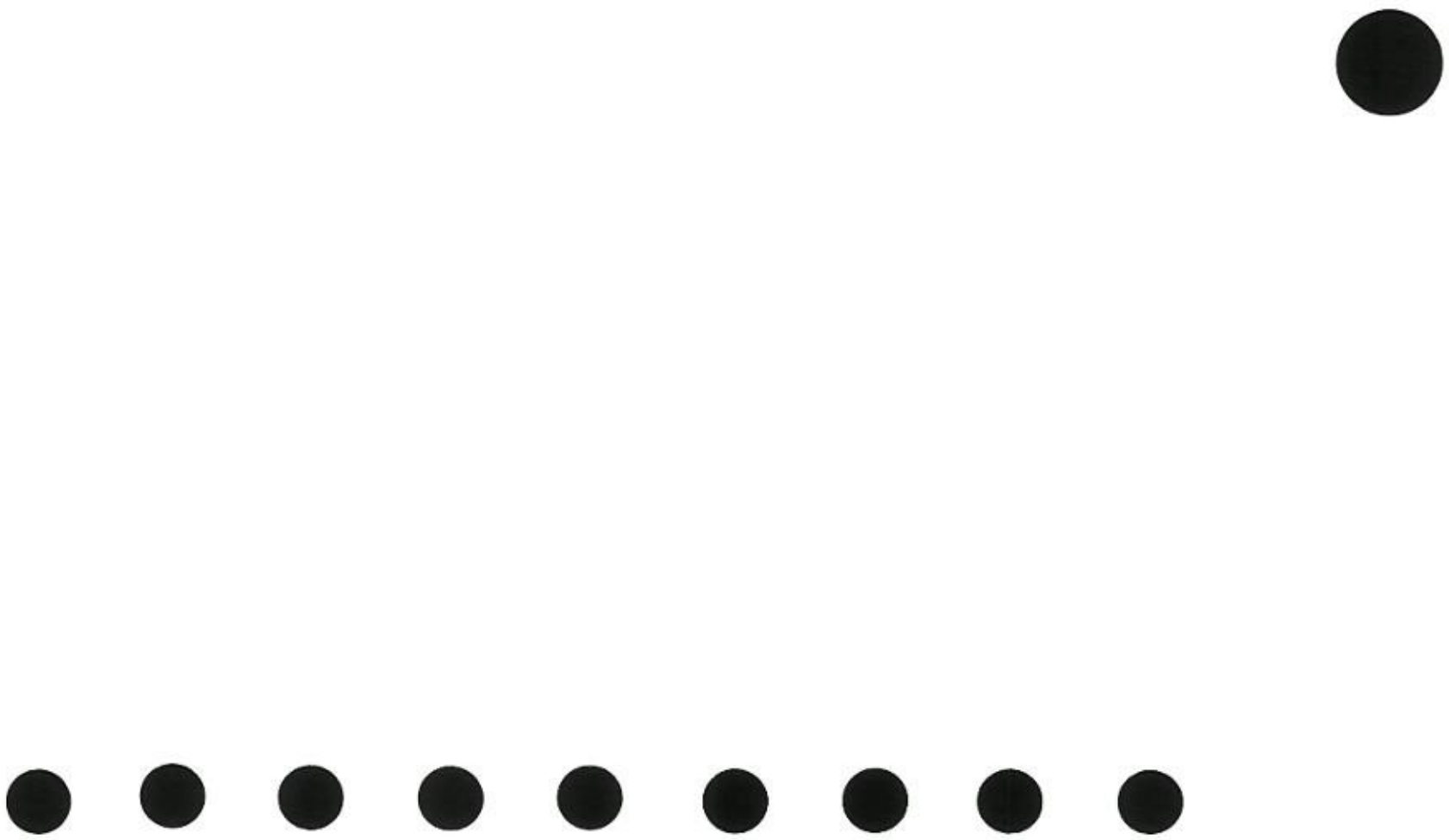

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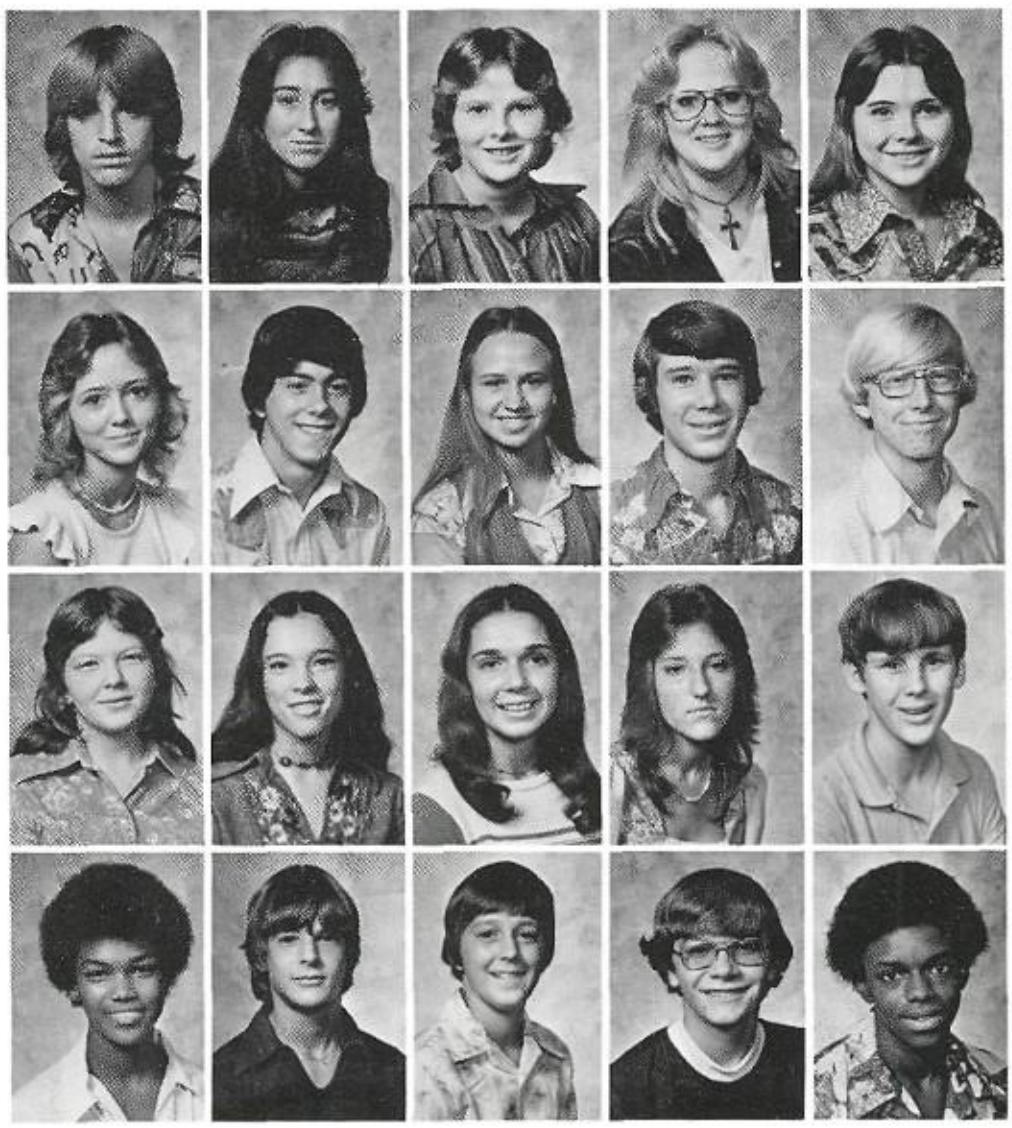
Becky Attaway is one sophomore who doesn't think anything of bossing a junior or senior.



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Bob Aronson

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Penny Ates
Becky Attaway
Lori Ann Baham
John Baldwin

Marion Banks
David Barnes
Dale Barry
Pete Battaglia
Lee Belton

Mike Blackson
Lisa Blackwelder
Daniel Booth
Kathy Booth

Marti Borden
Dee Bowen
Susan Braddock
Morgan Breard

Tom Brick
Carolyn Brinson
Mona Brinson
Terrell Brodnax
Thelma Brooks
Doris Brown

Ivory Brown
Jeff Brown
Mike Brown
Chris Bryant
Michael Bryant
Jimmy Burgin

Lisa Butler
Barbara Byrd
Gail Caldwell
Betsy Cameron
Angela Carroll
Mickel Carter

Tommy Causey
Cathy Clark
Susan Clark
Karen Cobb
Troy Collins
Brenda Colquette

Steve Cook
Andy Coon
Ronald Corley
Danny Correnť
Russel Correro
Terry Couch

Melissa Covington
Betty Jane Cox
Beverly Crain
Karen Crim
Bobby Crump
Tony Culver

Sophomores Combat High School Daze

When the sophomores entered Ouachita Parish High School, many of them were hopelessly lost in the shuffle. They frantically tried to comprehend unfamiliar words such as Room 105, Canteen, and Resource Room. Sophomores roamed Ouachita halls pausing briefly to look at room numbers and to ask for directions. They continuously tried to remember "where what was" and how to get there.

While some sophomores adjusted easily, others lost their nerve and panicked. As senior Johnny Thompson recalled, "I was walking down the hall when one sophomore grabbed me and screamed desperately, 'Where's my class?"

Cheryll Cumbee
Curtis Cumbee
Trudy Cumpton
Lee Curry
Mark Dallilo
Robert Daniel
Terri Darnell

Connie Davis
James Davis
Johnny Davis
Linda Davis
Sheila Davis
Susie Davis
John Dawsey

Linda Dawsey
Diane Day
Marty Day
Joy Dillingham
Dru Dollar
Larry Dotson
Melinda Dowell

Robin Draper
Syble Driggers
Mary Drummond
David Duke
Margaret Duke
Jimmy Dunn
Jackie DuPriest

Jimmy Dupuy
Nani Dye
Buddy Eads
Douglas Ealy
Marie Easterling
Douglas Edwards
Susan Edwards

Terri Egloff
Sabrina Eiland
Roxie Elee
Chrissy Elkins
Paula Ensminger
Lori Eppinette
Dianne Evans

Gil Evans
Josh Evans
Mary Evans
Monica Eubanks
Kimberly Ezernack
Randy Felts
Clifton Flanagan

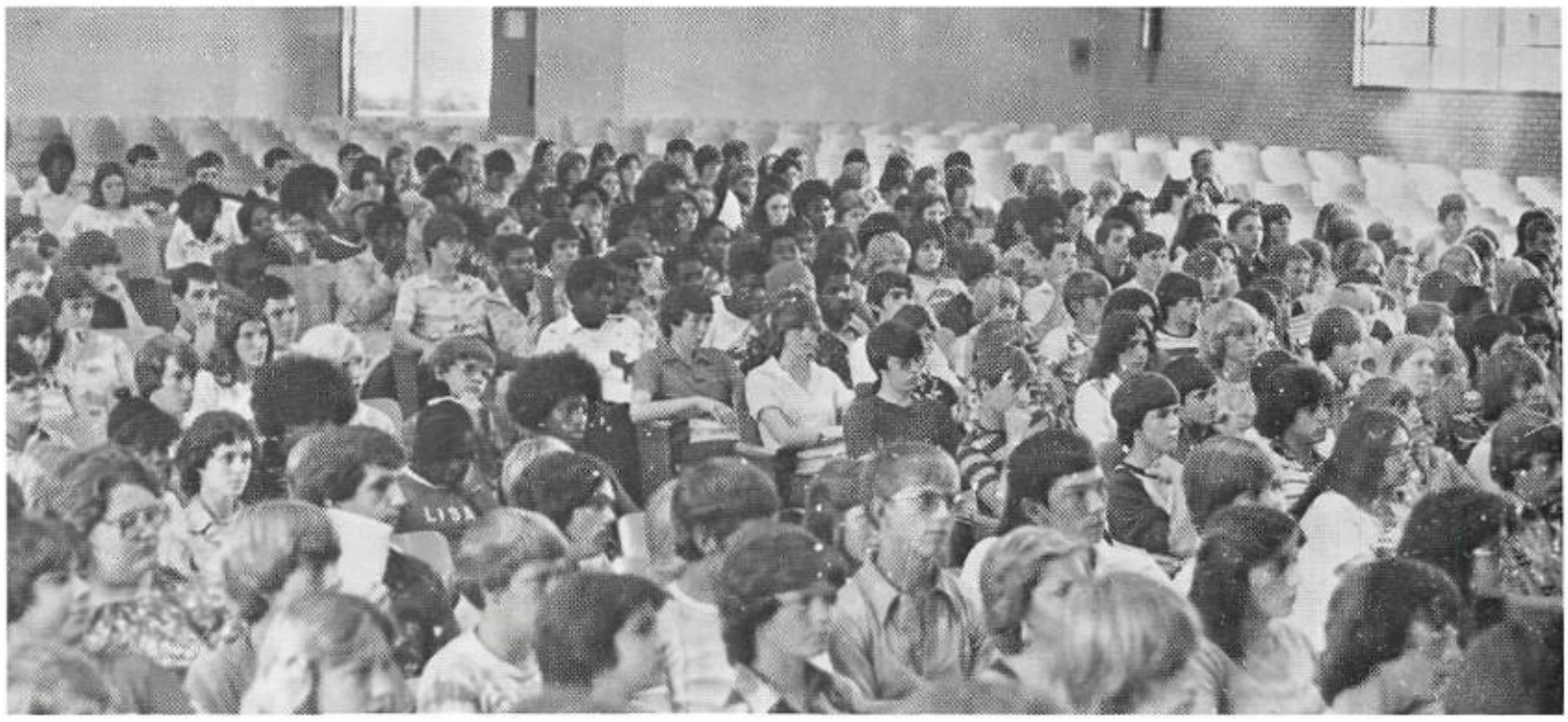
Mara Flanagan
Michael Fleming
Joey Fletcher
Lisa Flowers
Ricky Flowers
Stewart Forwood
Booray Franklin

FAR LEFT: Mr. Jones helps several students complete the class Christmas card. LEFT: "Straight A's" on her mid-term report card brings a smile to Tammie Johnson.

Adrian Frost
Marlin Fryar
Donnie Fulmer
Ronnie Fulmer
Mario Garcia
Donnie Gardner
David Garner
Pam Gater

Wanda Gayden
Paul Geter
Katrina Gilds
Julie Giroux
Freddy Goodman
Billy Goodwin
Tobe Grafton
Verdalia Gray

Martha Grayson
Jenny Greene
Sherra Greer
Joe Gross
Curtis Gulledge
Christopher Hagan
Teri Hale
Gloria Hall



RIGHT: Another record sophomore class meets in the auditorium to start a whole new beginning for them and for Ouachita.

Sophs Are a Colorful Addition

"We rarely won a spirit stick competition, but when we did, we smoked 'em," said Leah Mayo after a sophomore-dominated pep rally.

When the sophomores came, they brought exasperation in numbers. But, as they progressed, they contributed to school pride as a whole. They brought beauty to Ouachita with members on the homecoming court for the first time. Sophomores added color with some exceptional Christmas cards.

They may never lose the reputation of a bunch of confused beginners, but they became a very real part of Ouachita.

LEFT: After completing her assignment Toni Stevens responds to a classmate's question.

Kenneth Hall
Leigh Ann Hall
Mark Hall
Marty Hall
Randy Hampton
Melba Hankins
Ray Hansen

Kent Hare
Mary Harrell
Nancy Harris
Lisa Harrison
LaWanda Hayden
Temple Haygood
John Hays

Sonja Heidenreich
Kathryn Heyward
Donnie Hicks
Pacquin Hill
Sarah Hillman
Scott Hillman
Jacob Hines

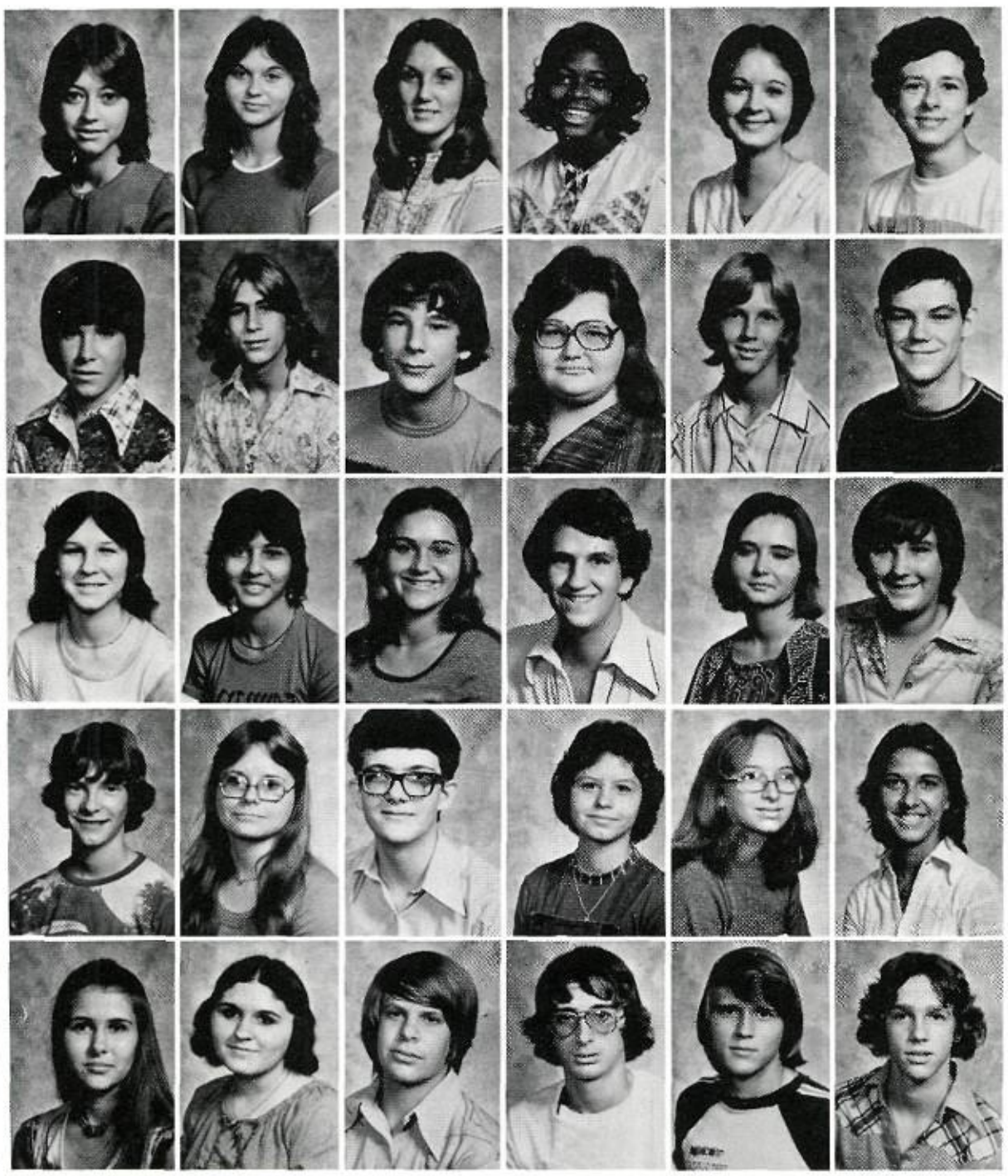
Bryan Hixon
Earl Hodgkins
Carolyn Hogg
Angela Holloway
Don Holloway
Darryl Hood
Debbie Hood

Kim Hope
Billy Horne
Debbie Horne
William Horne
Paul Houston
Larry Howard
Jeanie Howe

Debbie Hudson
Kim Hudson
Mitch Huggins
Emily Humphreys
Kelvin Humphries
Marilyn Hunter

Billy Hust
Casey Ivy
Belinda Jackson
Steven Jackson
Valerie Jackson
Lisa Jameson

Cindy Jeansonne
Barbara Johnson
Barry Johnson
Clarice Johnson
Connie Johnson
Ellen Johnson



Jason Johnson
Tammie Johnson
Terri Johnson
Rebecca Joiner
Stephanie Joiner
Cheryl Jones

Mike Jones
Kenny Justice
Karen Keene
Mike Kellogg
Howell Kemp
Curt Kennedy

Paul Kenneth
Tammy Kimbrell
Jay Kirby
Kimpa Knox
Mary LaDart
Connie Laffoon

Maxine Laird
Rachel Laird
Lisa Landers
Byron Landon
Cindy Landrum
Mick Lane

Bama LaSource
David LeVasseur
Mike Leveque
Mark Lindstrom
Sharon Lipscomb
Carolyn Lockhart

LEFT: Before and after school, **TOWN & COUNTRY SUPERETTE** is the place to quench your thirst. Brett Ripley, Renee Ripley, Mike Durham and Paul Gray are regular customers at the convenient **24 OLD STERLINGTON ROAD** location. Join them there sometimes for quick food needs.

RIGHT: Helpful seniors, Donna Berry and Billy Vaughn assist sophomores in the use of references in the library.

Becky Loftis
Linda Logue
Sylvia Lopez
Jim Lynch
Sherita Mack
Carmen Mardis
Joni Marionneaux

Terry Marley
Ronald Marsh
Edward Marshall
Lisa Marshall
Patricia Martindale
Billy Matlock
Paul May

Prentice May
John Maynard
Leah Mayo
Curtis McBroom
Tara McCann
John McClain

Cheryl McClusky
Cregg McCullin
Marilyn McDuff
Scott McDonald
Karen McGough

Sophomores Become Part of Ouachita

Swartz Gators, Jack Hayes Braves and Ouachita Junior High Cubs were what the sophomores used to be, but this year they were Ouachita Lions. No matter where they came from, what their color or sex, they were all together in 1977.

When sophomores arrived they became active immediately. Sophomore girls danced in the Dandy-Lions and boys participated in Junior Varsity football. They did not limit their participation in these two activities. They became active members in the MOB and CYCP.

The sophomores once divided, united in a Lion future!

Newman McGowin
Kay McGuffee
Scott McKaskle
Tommy McKay
Stacy McKeithen
Renea McKoin
Randy McKoin
Rodney McPherson

Debbie McRae
Sharron Melville
Merida Midkiff
Constance Miller
Loyce Mills
Greg Mims
Danny Monk
Dawn Moore

Debbie Moore
Jill Moore
Kelly Moore
Linda Moore
Shelia Moore
Arthur Morehead
Bubba Morris
Willey Moseley

Jeff Mullins
Cleta Munholland
Victor Munoz
Craig Murphy
Frank Murphy
Pam Murphy
Pat Murphy
Lillie Nabors

Jay Neal
Jamie Netherland
Ralph Nettles
Billy Nubles
Eddie Nugent
Gary Oliveaux
Clift Osbon
Terry Oxley

Wanda Oxley
Danny Parden
Kim Parker
Ronald Parker
Raymond Parks
Johnny Patrick
Steve Patterson
Chris Pawloski

Lane Peavy
Teresa Pennington
Debbie Perkins
Patty Perkins
Jack Perry
Jodi Pettit
Donna Pillev

Chad Pippin
Mark Porch
Geraldine Porter
Wiley Powell
Henry Price
Tim Pruitt
Tommy Puckett

Marc Pullings
Terry Ragsdale
Jan Rainer
Craig Rambin
Belinda Rankin
Rodney Ray
Bruce Redden

Susie Redding
Lori Reiser
Renne Reynolds
Vicky Rhodes
Robert Rice
Royce Richardson
Chris Ringo

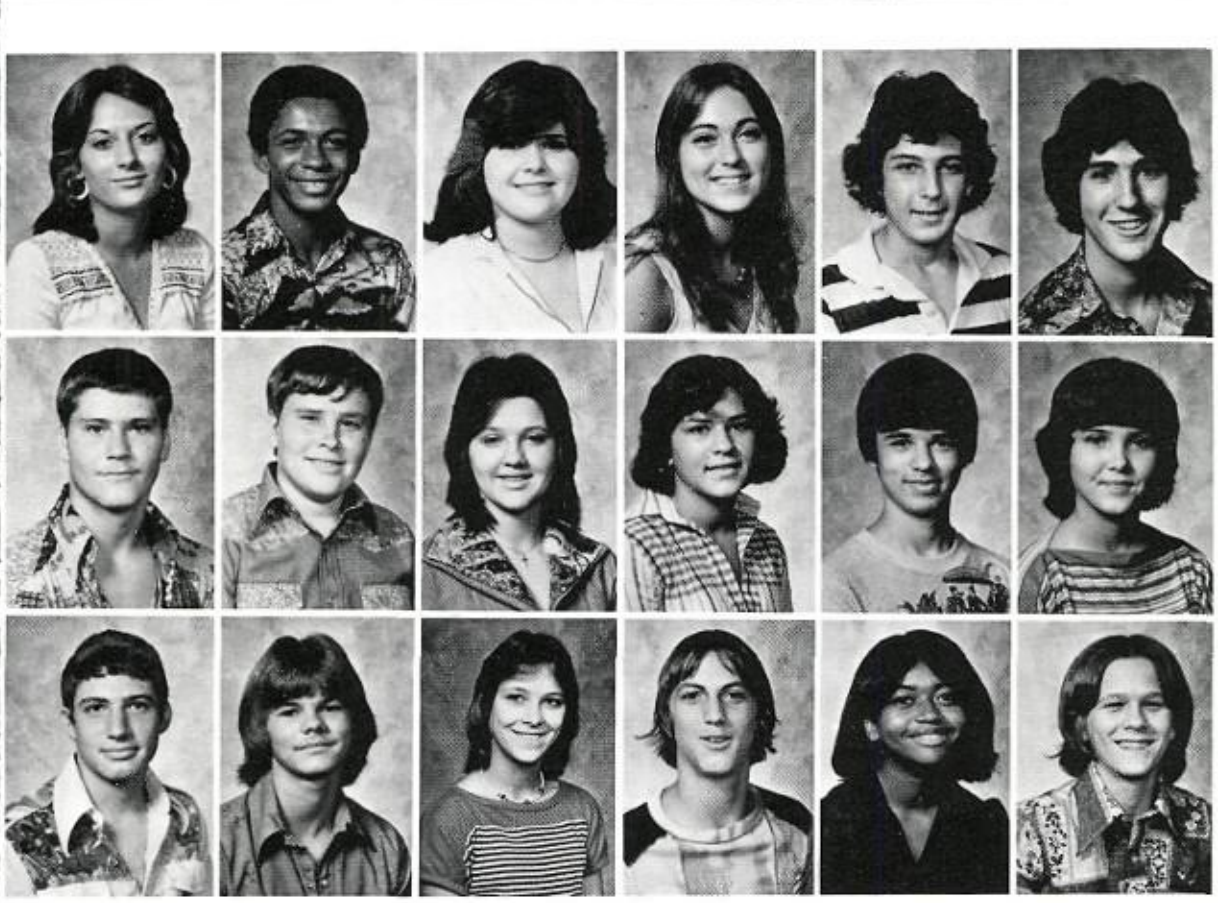
Rene Ripley
Sheila Ritter
Joey Rockett
Tara Rodden
Dennis Rodgers
Margaret Ross
Sandra Roush

Sophomores Lend a Helping Hand

Sophomores combined big mouths and loud voices to capture five pep rally spirit sticks. Yelling underclassmen often started cheers of their own which created more spirit and whole new dimensions to the Friday morning pep rallies. Many sophomores participated in comical skits presented for the varsity football team and the crowd of Lion backers.

"Sophomore enthusiasm furthered the excitement and spirit of pep rallies and made cheering much more enjoyable!" exclaimed varsity cheerleader Julie Grafton.

LEFT: Sheila Gill and Lee Burford are pleased with the latest styles in stock at **HADDAD'S** at **415 PINE STREET.** Go by and let them fit you in the best fashions at the best prices.



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Roy Parnell
Shalane Roye
Malyndia Rutledge
Craig Sampognaro
Kevin Sampognaro

Country Sanderson
John Samderson
Wanda Sandidge
Gay Savage
Jay Savanna
Melissa Sayers

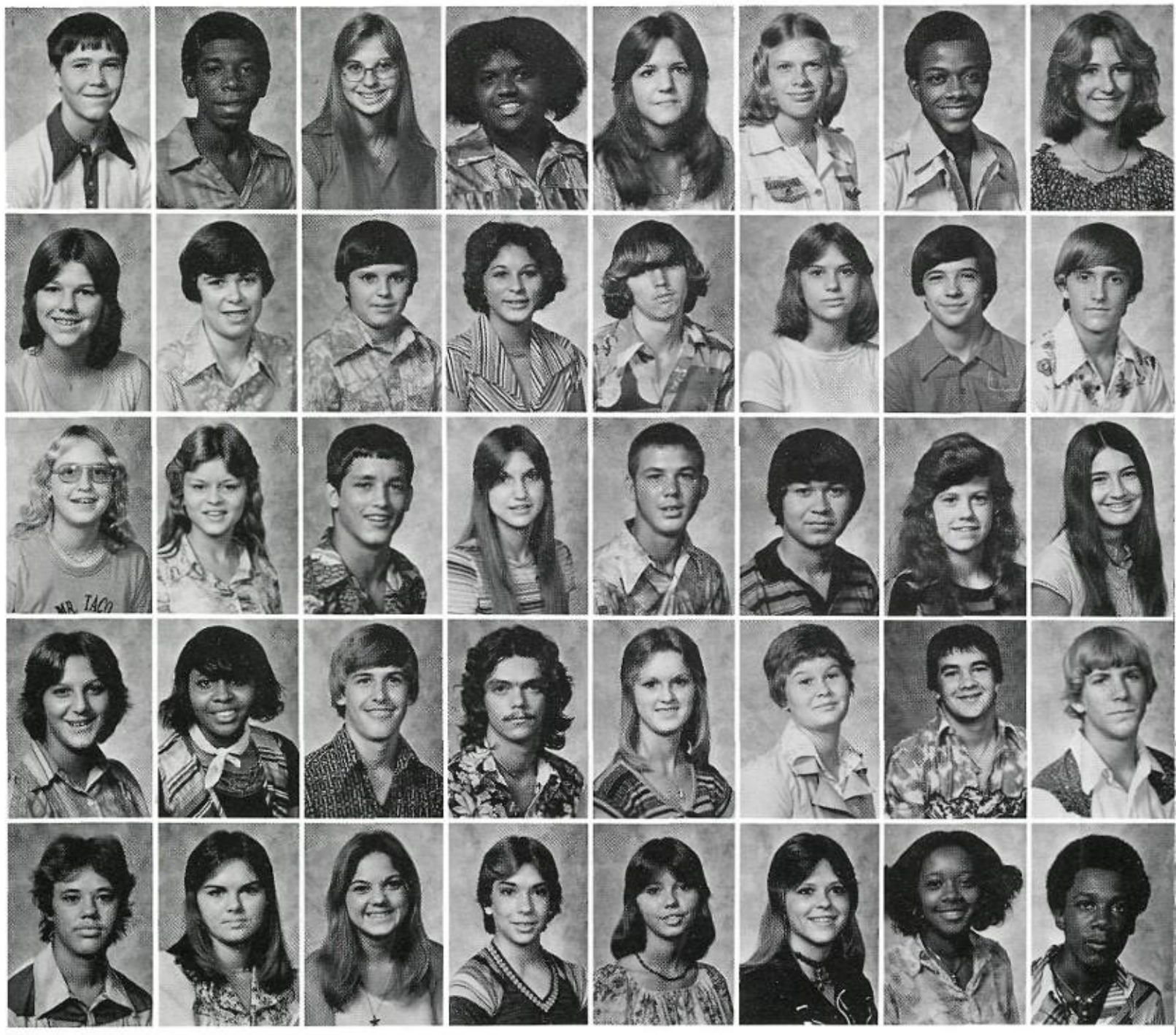
James Scalia
Kenneth Schlottman
Cheryl Scott
Darrell Scott
Denise Scott
Dennis Scott

Unity Grows

Changes brought out the best and worst in sophomores during the 76-77 school year. Not only the sophomores but everyone else welcomed the installation of air conditioning units in the school. Juniors had been through only one scorching spring and laughed at the seniors for having two years of sweltering classrooms.

Sophomores aided school unity by participating in the homecoming preview. Only a few upperclassmen felt old rules should stick and only the top two classes should participate.

For the most part, sophomores joined in harmony with juniors and seniors toward the common goal of the three classes uniting Ouachita.



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Standley Scott
Kristi Schutz
Lorrie Seekers
Ramona Semmes
Geanie Shannon
Cecil Sharp
Sylvia Sharplin

Nanette Sheppard
Charles Sherrod
Eddie Shipp
Wanda Shivers
James Shows
Terri Sikes
Dana Simmons
Jimmy Simmons

Marlene Simmons
Phyllis Simmons
Mike Singler
Teresine Smalling
Andy Smith
Andy Smith
Ashley Smith
Debbie Smith

Denise Smith
Gloria Smith
Jeff Smith
Kenny Smith
Kim Smith
Linda Smith
Lee Smith
Mike Smith

Gary Smithwick
Teresa Southern
Cindy Speakman
Candi Spears
Sharon Spells
Grayce Stanfield
Marilyn Standley
Patrick Stanley

Toni Stevens
Margaret Stidham
Scott Stone
Kathy Stratton
Kathy Swihart
Hal Stricklin
Linda Stricklen
Glenn Stutts

Dori St. Vgine
Cathy Summers
Kenny Swaggart
Kenneth Taunton
Eddie Taylor
Michelle Taylor
Jeff Tedder
Victor Thomas

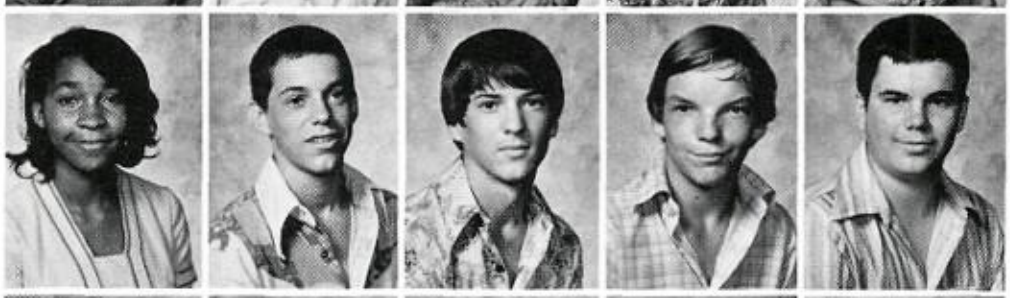
Steve Thomas
Cindy Thomas
Patty Thomas
Zandra Thomas
Brenda Thompson
Brenda Thompson
James Thompson
Tami Thompson

Keith Thrash
Lisa Tippit
Mary Tolar
Cheree' Toney
Terri Towery
Lane Travis
Scott Tripp
Malissa Tucker

OPPOSITE PAGE: Lillian Inzinia, Mary Beth Fisher, and Betsy Berry await the installation of new members in the Anchor Club. LEFT: J. V. Cheerleaders, Allyson Rhymes, Debra McBroom, Sandi De LaSalle, and Cheryl Renfrow display different emotions as the Lions battle the Rams on the court.

Waymon Tucker
Lori Tully
Sherry Tullos
Barry Turner
Larry Turner

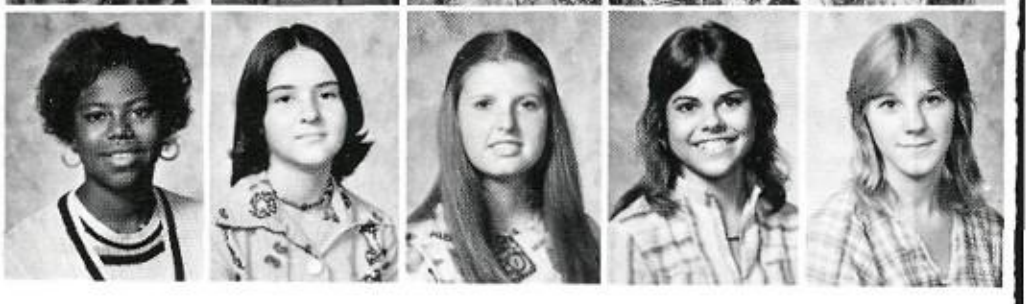
Shirley Turner
Tiger Turner
Roger Upshaw
Mike Vail
John Vineyard



Pam Wagoner
B. J. Walker
Juanita Walker
Junior Walker
Laura Walker

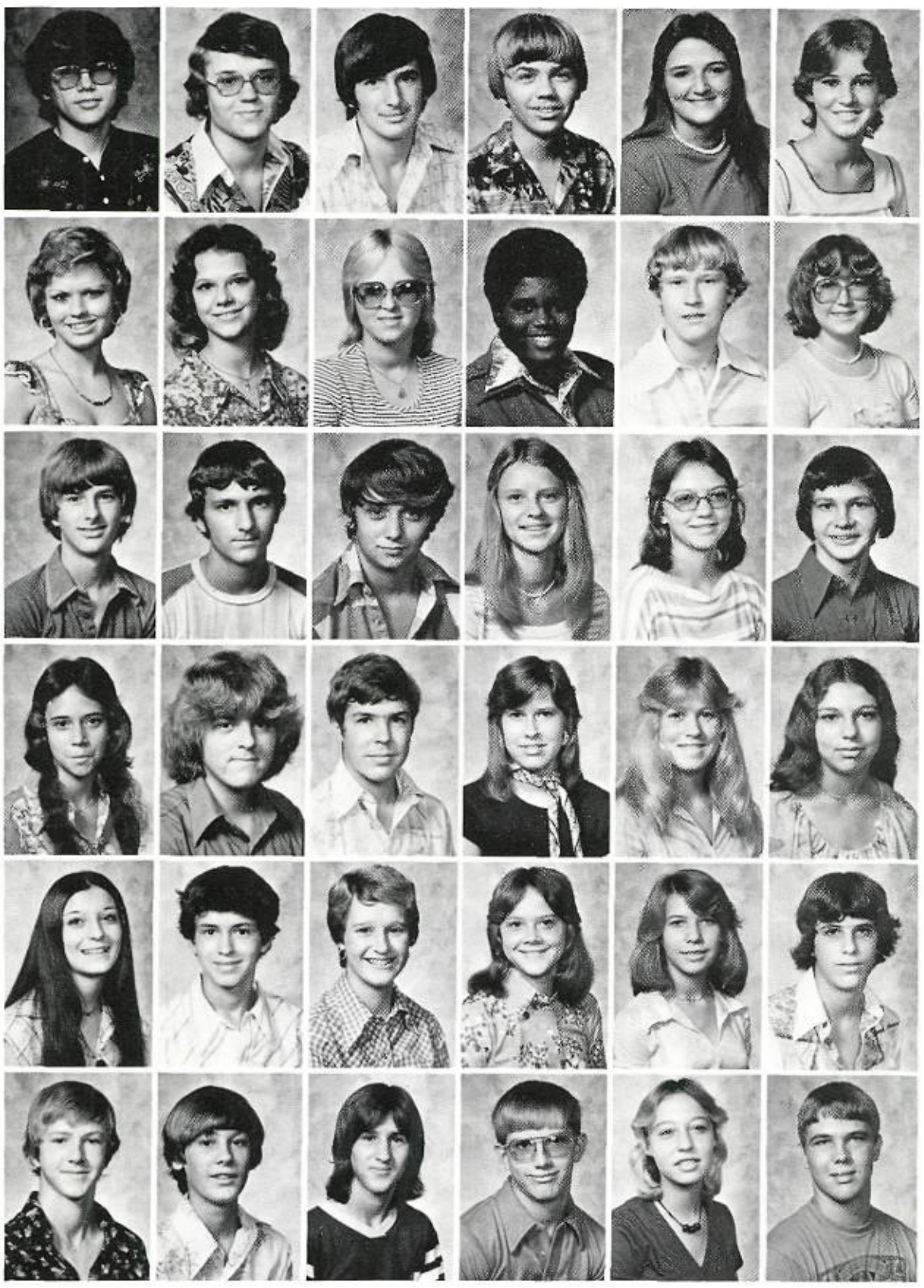
Mike Walker
Randy Wall
Scott Walthall
Billy Wallace
Ronnie Walters

Mary Ward
Becky Ware
Marjo Webb
Leslie Weedman
Sherry Weems



RIGHT: Connie "Lisette" Johnson, Marie "Marie" Easterling, and Stacy "Elise" McKeithen find conversation limited because they can only speak French in the halls during Mardi Gras.

LEFT: Mrs. Grafton is delighted by the enthusiasm of her class during the preparation of Homecoming.



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Kevin Welker
Hartland West
Scot Wheeler
Donna White
Margaret White

Marilyn Whittington
Shelia Whittington
Donna Wilder
Eric Williams
Jon Williams
Mary Williams

Mike Williams
Randy Williams
Robert Williams
Terri Williams
Wendy Williams
Kelly Williamson

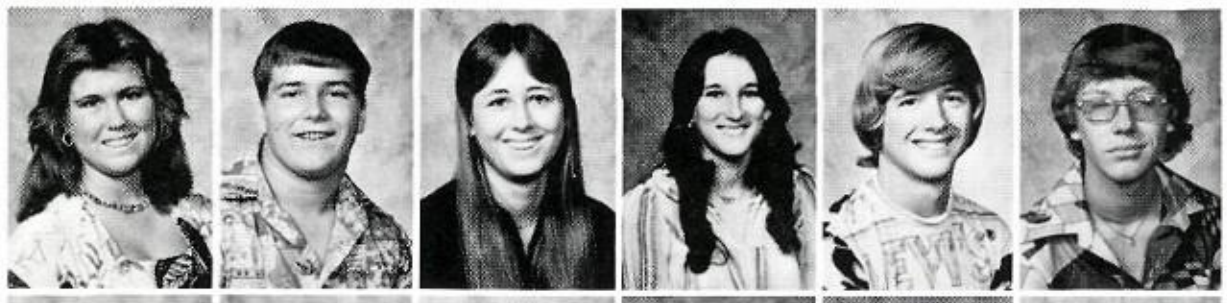
Kathy Wilson
John Wilson
Bobby Windham
Beverly Windsor
Jennifer Witt
Amy Womack

Angie Wood
Jerry Wood
Leeanne Wood
Connie Wright
Terri Wright
Craig Wycoff

Jerry Yates
Chris Yielding
James Youngblood
Doug Young
Deborah Zagone
Doug Zigler

RIGHT: Junior Linda Riggins keeps total concentration on her music at the concert before the band's trip to Troy, Alabama.

Debbie Adams
James Adams
Tonya Alger
Pam Allen
Wilbur Allen
Darren Amos



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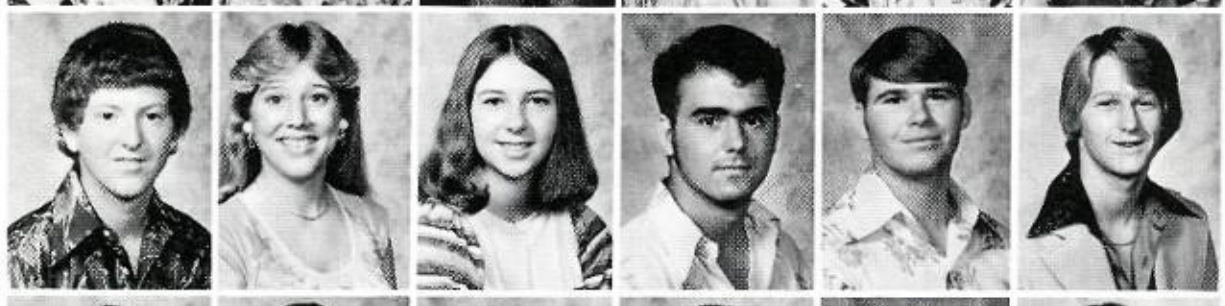

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Larry Aston
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Kevin Baer
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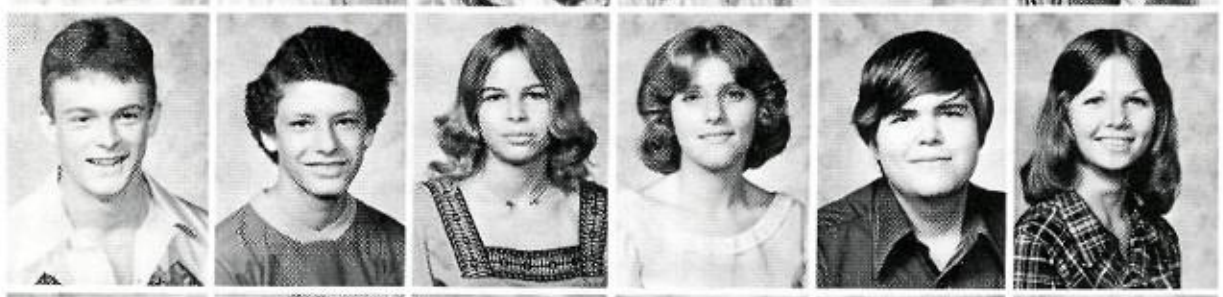
Nancy Batson



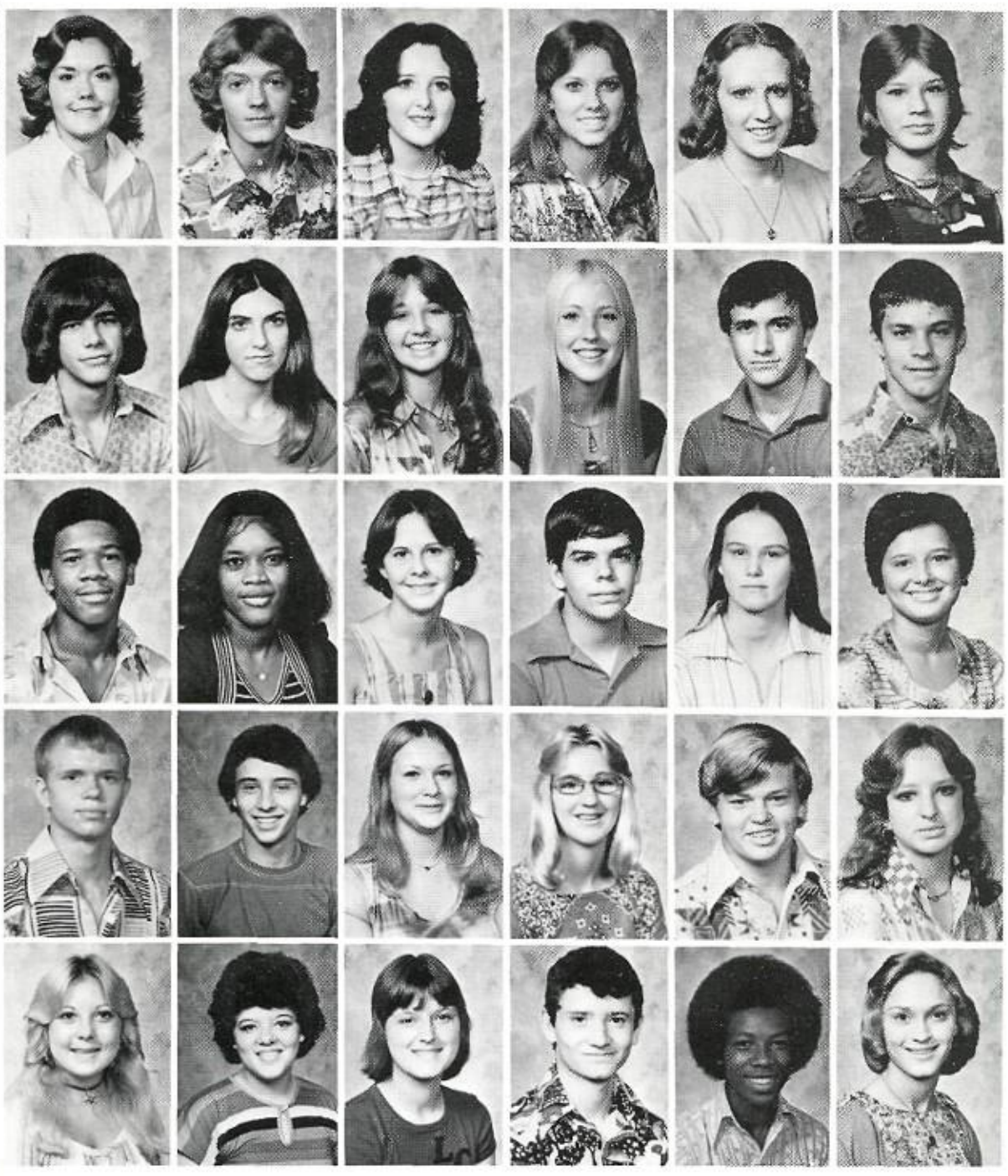
Penny Bauer
Angie Beach
Kim Bearden
Tammie Benefield
Denise Bennett
John Bennett

You've Come a Long Way, Juniors!

It took eleven long years for the juniors of 1977 to get where they were. For some it took even longer; but they were all juniors in 1977.

When freshmen they were bullies of the Junior High. The sophomore year meant a whole new, exciting place to conquer. The junior year became an in-between time for gathering last year's thoughts into plans for the senior year.

For some of the Juniors only one year of school remained before the business world faced them with decisions to be made. For those who planned to attend college, a different set of decisions lay ahead. No matter what, the junior year was the last chance to relax and enjoy without the pressure of making arrangements.



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Rusty Benton
Betsy Berry
Diana Biggs
Carla Bingham
Jo Alice Black

Andy Blackwell
Gina Boggs
Anne Braddock
Emily Bramble
Jack Brennon
Danny Bridges

Ronald Bridges
Susan Bright
Sue Bristol
Aaron Brooks
Pam Brown
Annette Brownell

Andy Bryan
Craig Bryan
Sheila Bryson
Mary Buckley
James Bulloch
Cindy Burns

Sandre Burson
Janice Cain
Lori Campbell
Greg Carlisle
Willie Carradine
Kathy Carter

Larry Carter
Darrell Cartwright
Claude Causey
Dale Chase
Dwayne Chapman
Carolyn Chevalier

Pam Childers
De An Collins
Denise Collins
Dale Correro
Donease Cotton
Scott Covington

John Cox
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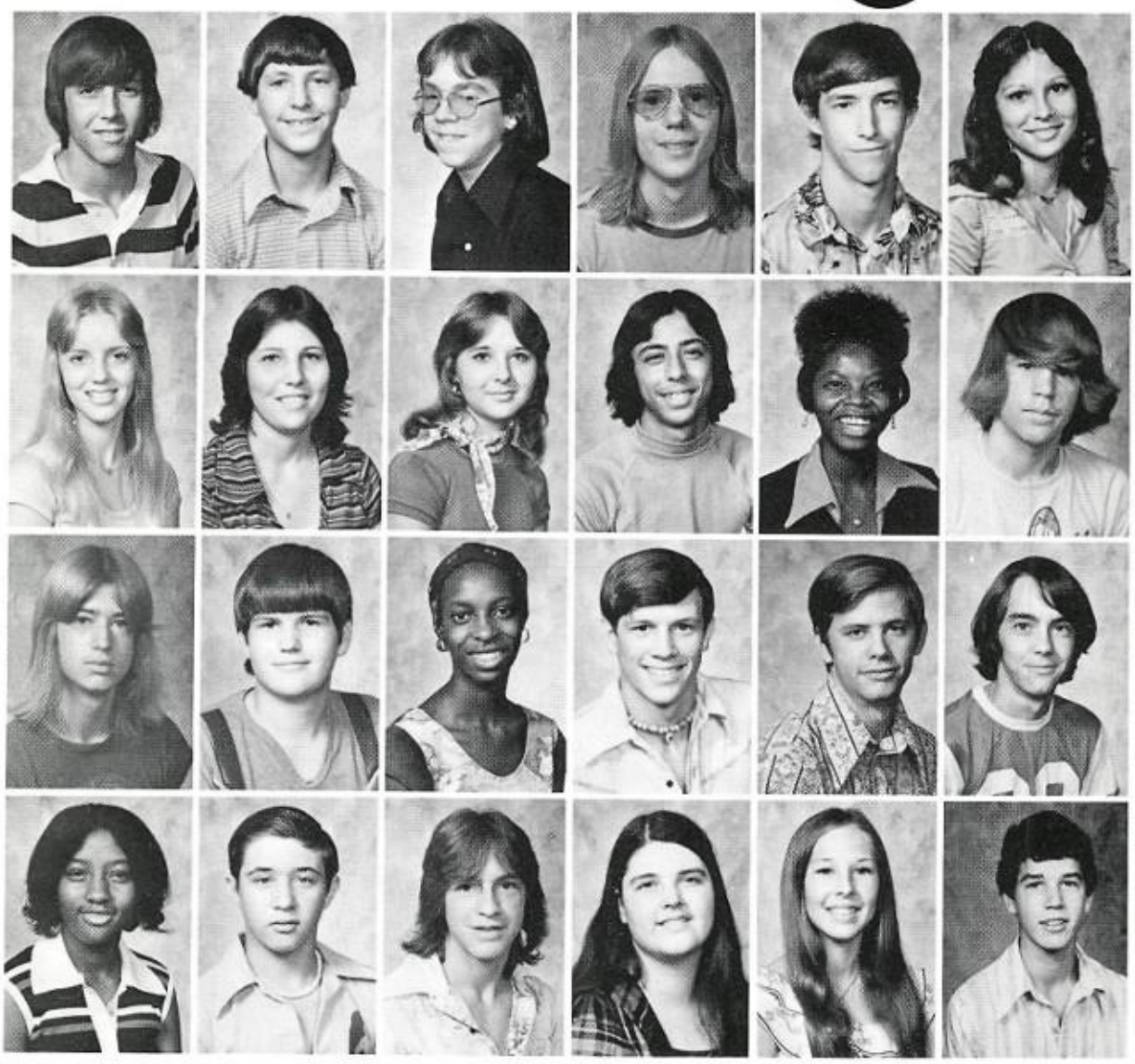
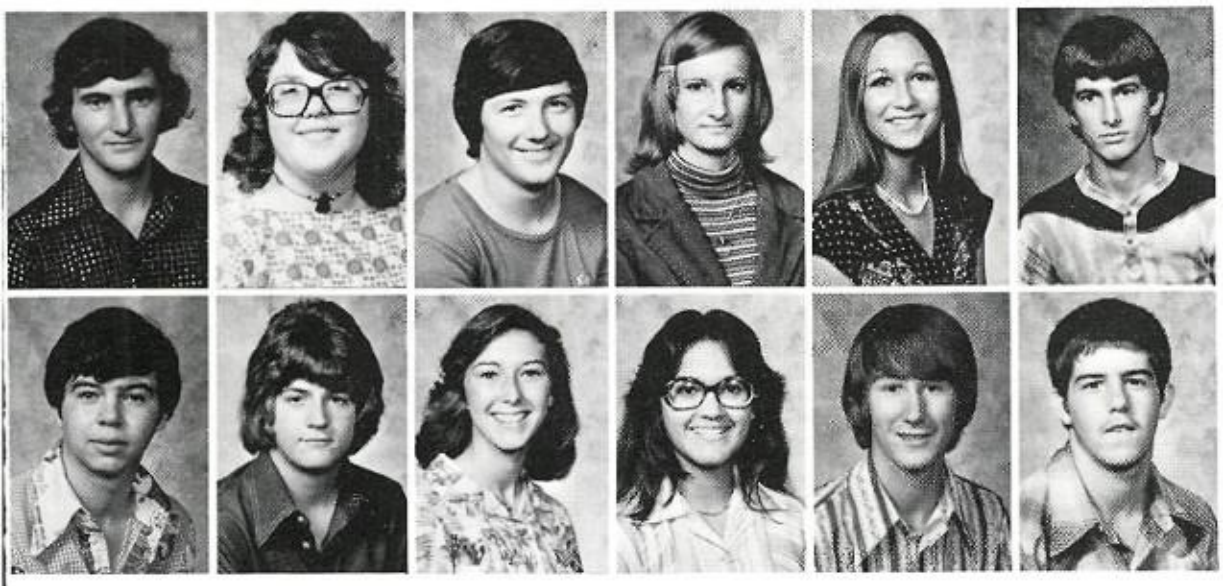


Five Fouls, You're Out!

Ouachita's basketball season did not end with that of surrounding schools, but carried on into March with intramural basketball games. A tournament was sponsored by the 1977 junior class, with the proceeds going toward the Spring prom.

The junior class was represented by such stars as "Pistol Pete" Powell, "The Doc" Chapman, and "Havelichec" Wilson. Coaching the star team was a hard job, but Rick Sain and Tommy Lewis tackled it expertly.

"It didn't take too many sessions to get the boys in shape," remarked David Smith. "The junior boys are used to playing around."



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Reggie Duchesne
Debre Duffey
Karen Duke
Wayne Duke

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Kerry Durbin
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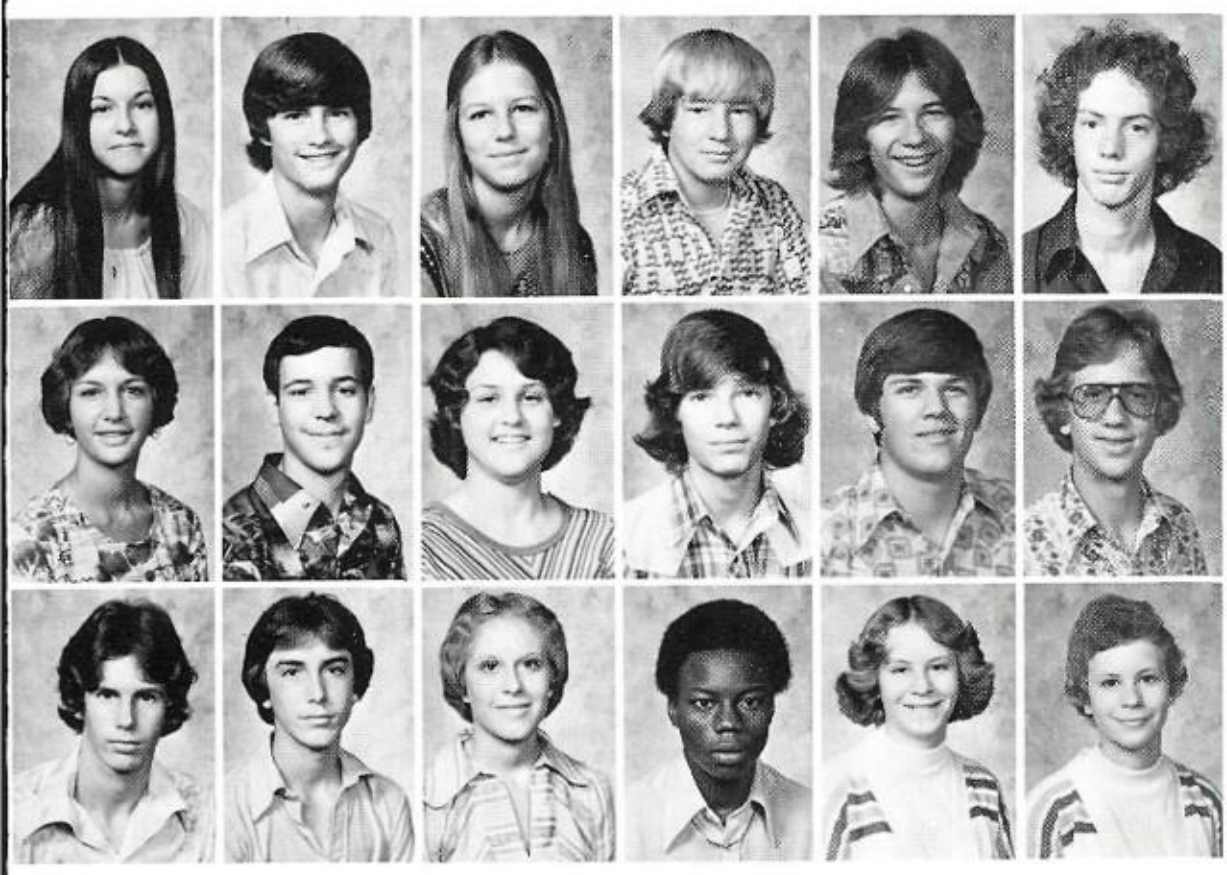
Esther Elahi
Kirk Elam
Frank Elkins

LEFT: Sophomores assemble for the announcement of their newly elected student council members.



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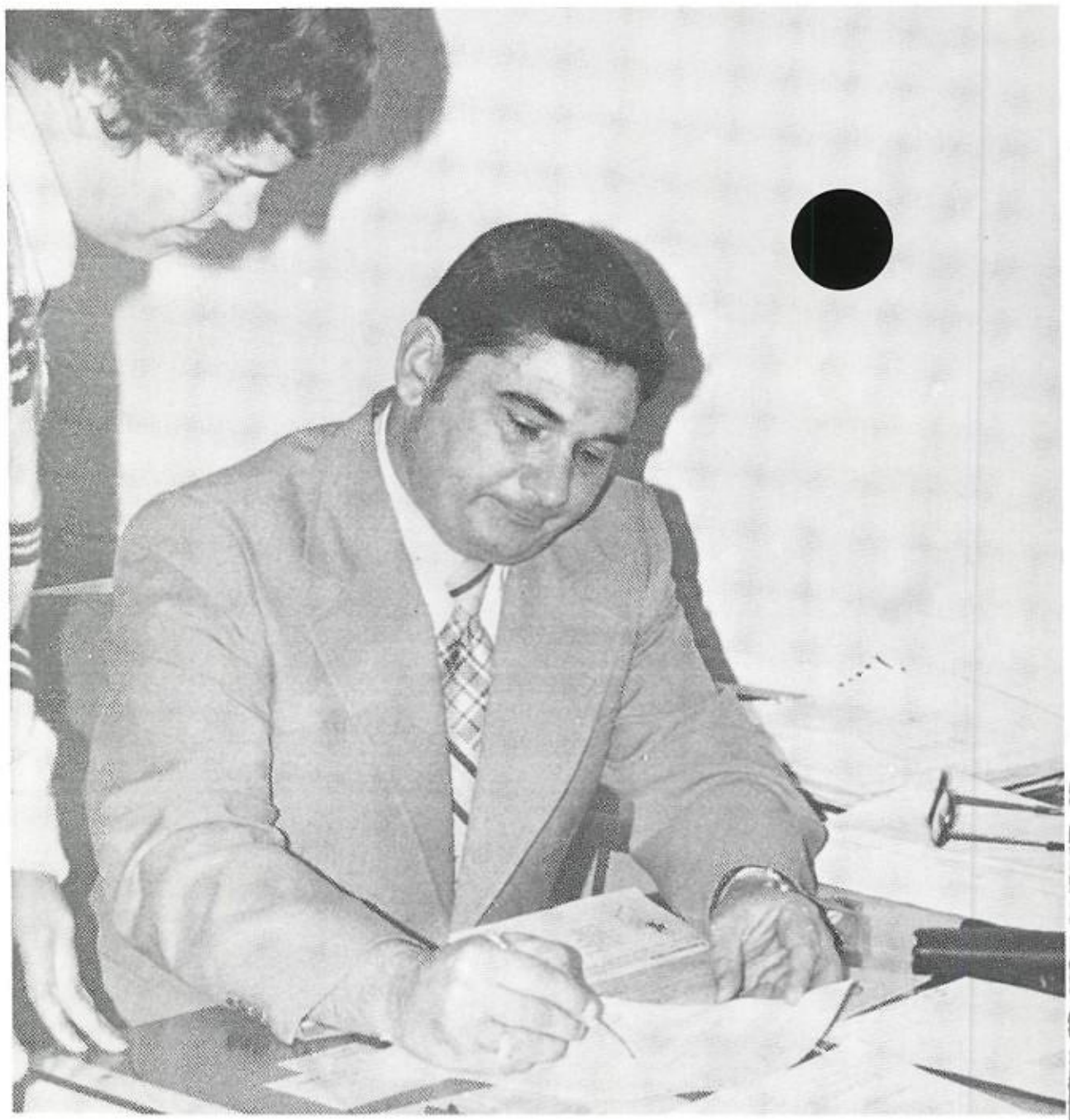

RIGHT: Mr. Zametto explains the new graduation requirements for sophomores and juniors to John Hobbs.

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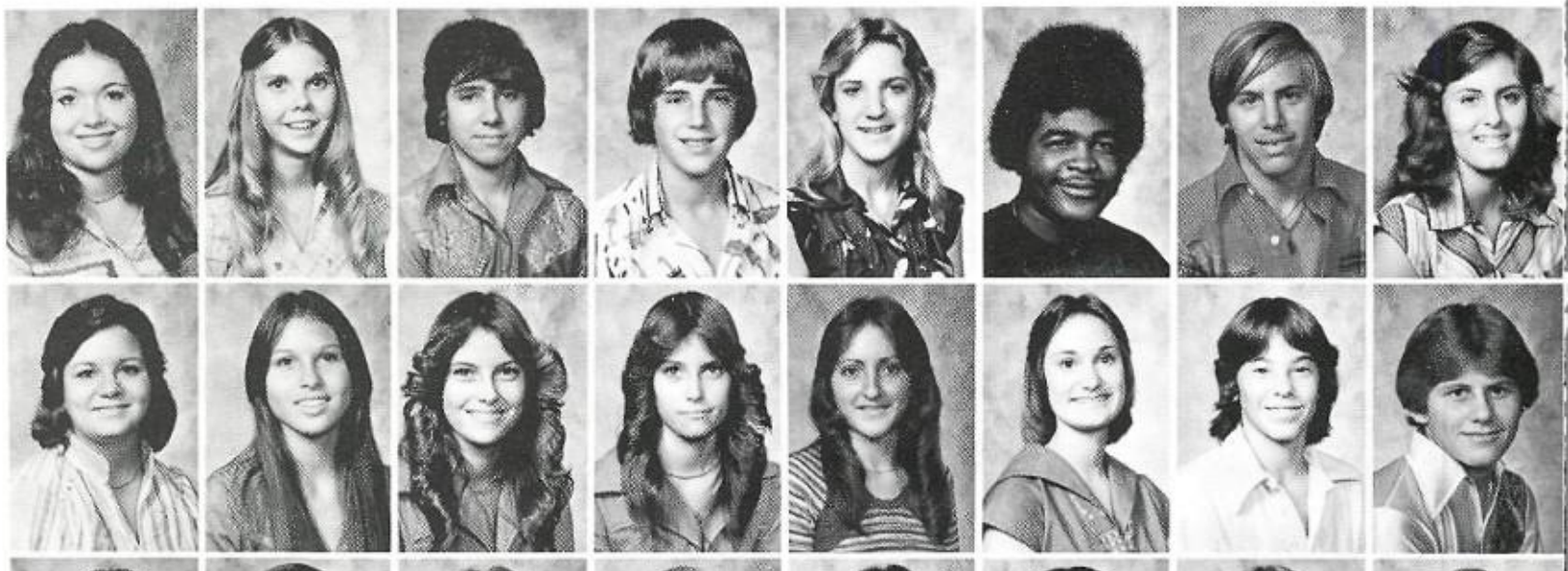

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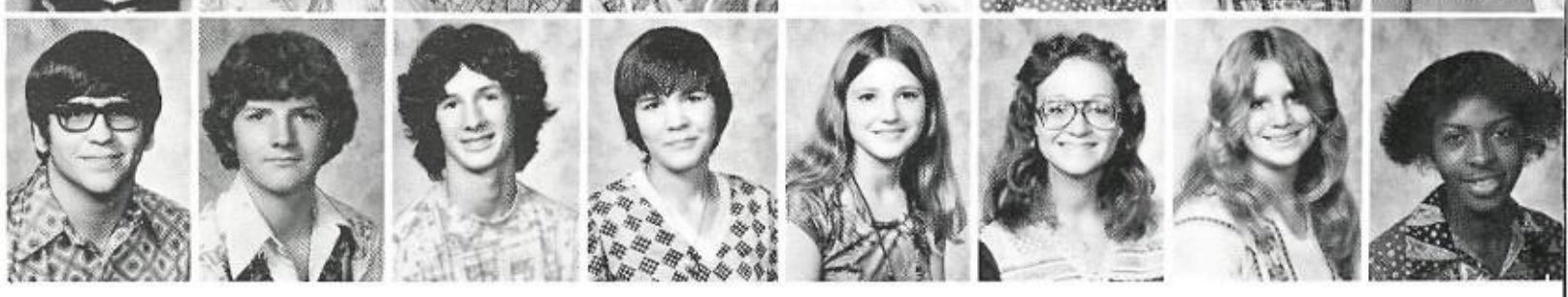

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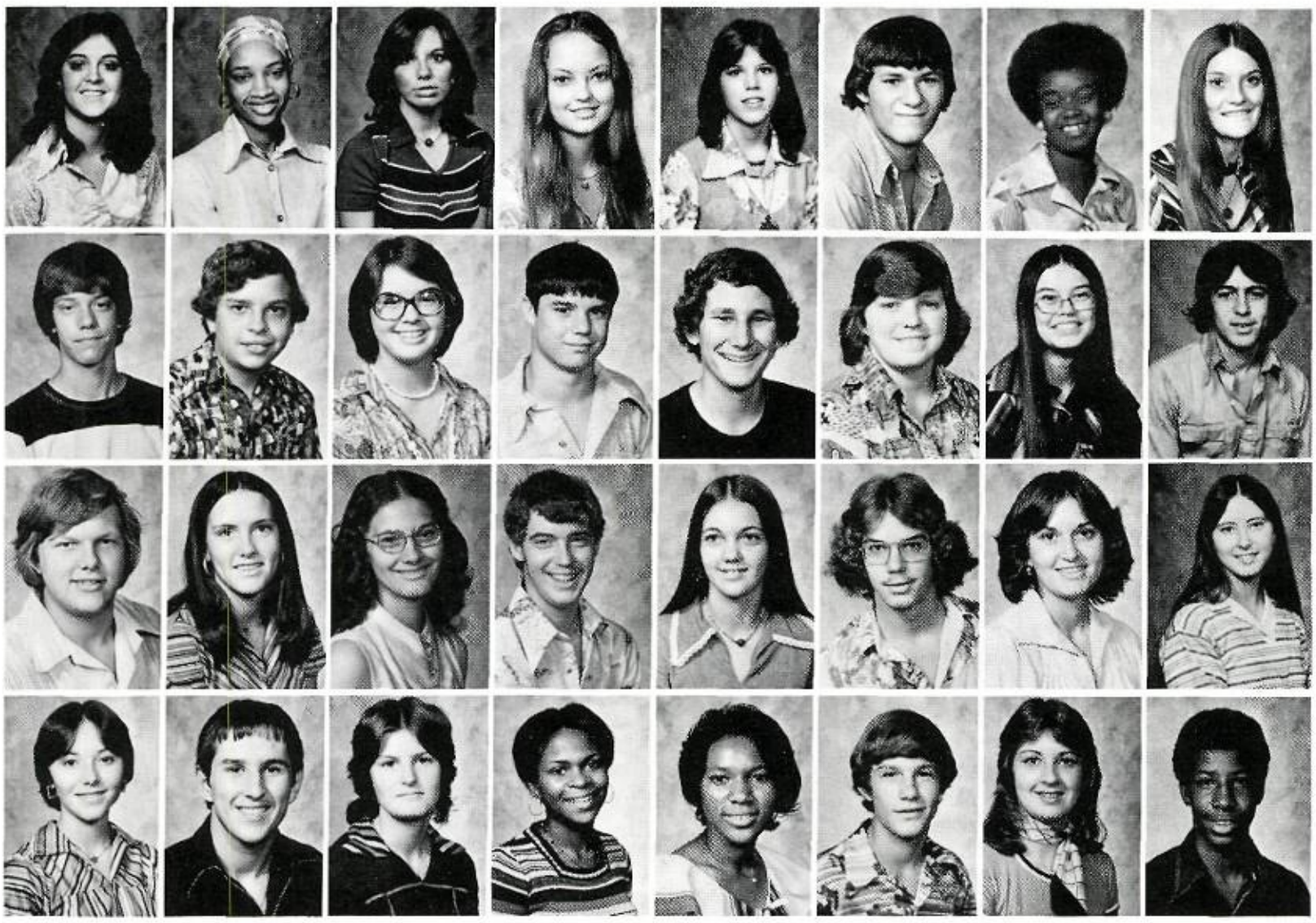

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Augustine Hill
Cheryl Hill

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Billy Holyfield
Alice Hopkins
Delois Hopkins
David Huckabee

David Hudson
Dawn Hudson
Vicky Hutsell
Jimmie Hyatt
Connie Hyde
Sam Ingram
Sharon Ingram
Lillian Inzina

Debbie Ivy
Kevin Jackson
Michelle Jackson
Marquilla Jacobs
Ferdess James
Jimmy Jaques
Mary Ann Jeter
Donald Johnson

Juniors Receive Extra Shock

January 1977 was a time of surprises for juniors. It was announced at midterm that a whole new subject had been added to the revised credits needed for graduation. The Louisiana Legislature required all students to have one-half credit in Free Enterprise in addition to two credits of Science and one each of Civics and American History.

Reactions of the juniors to this sudden development extended from disbelief to near-panic. Junior Tom Thurmon did not approve of the change because, "It's just another subject to worry about."

Once the initial shock wore off, however, the students took action. Many dropped an elective in order to pick up the required course immediately. Others chose to delay Free Enterprise until their senior year. Mr. Zametto mirrored the overall student feeling when he confessed, "The change will throw a lot of our fold off-balance.

Juniors Go In For Petting

Piranas and boa constrictors were new pets of 1977 for Ouachita juniors, but the expected cats and dogs remained favorites. On weekends juniors took time for changing litter boxes, cleaning cages, or adding water to the old aquarium.

Some juniors didn't care much for the ordinary, full-of-life pets. They enjoyed the steady and dependable companionship of last year's favorite, the pet rock. Though it didn't often do tricks, it was easy to manage and wasn't heavy on the food bill like a Saint Bernard or German Shepherd.

Even though pets were expensive and time-consuming, they proved to be popular buddies for an active junior group.

Stanley Johnson
Veronica Johnson
Lonnie Johnston
Jimmy Jones
Pamela Jones
Robert Jones
John Jussel
Charlotte Kavanaugh

Roger Keen
Glen Keene
Jamey Keith
Blane Kelly
Patricia Kelly
Carmen Kenney
Eddie Kicker
Kent Kilpatrick

Penny King
Benjie Kizer
Suzy Knight
Christy Kolb
Mickey LaBeff
Dana LaPrairie
Debra Lavender
Steve Lawrence

Barry Lee
Sandra Lenard
Tommy Lewis
Luci Lipscomb
Ricky Little
Mitzi Lockett
Jim Lofton
Carol Lowery

Ronny Lynd
Paul Mallett
Tim Manly
Cathy Mann
Woody Manning
Lisa Markgraf
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Charles Marsala

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Pam Mason
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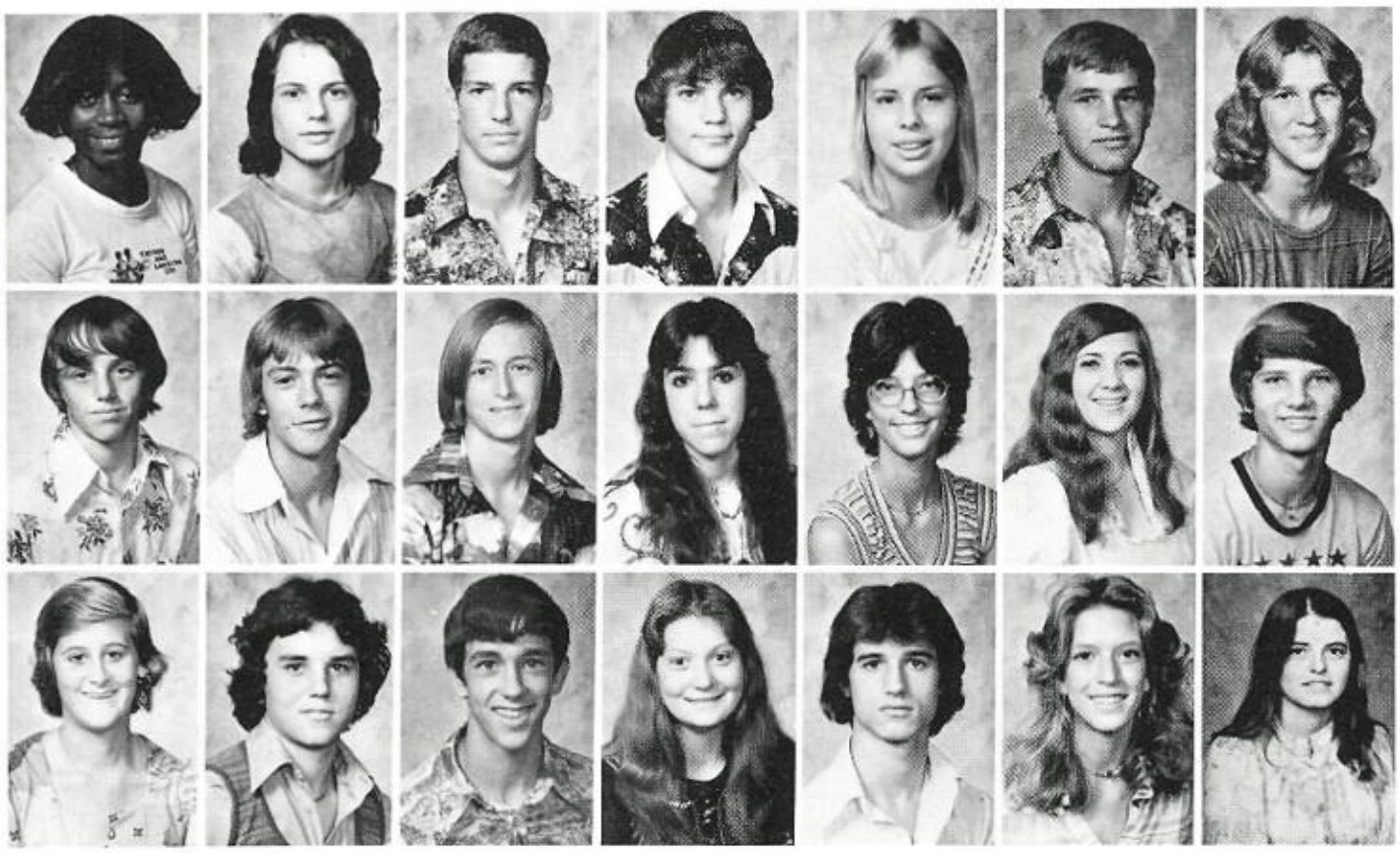
Mike McCain



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Eddie McGough
Margie McGowen
Dwayne McGuffee
Doug McKeithen

Mike McKenzie
Ronny McKneely
George McKnight
Traci McMahan
Tracey McMahon
Shelbie McManus
Jimmy McQuillan

Kelly McTurner
Donald Medaries
Gary Melville
Sheila Messina
Sherman Miers
Holly Miller
Bonnie Mims

LEFT: Junior senators Dawn Hudson, Barry Lee, and Sharon Ingram work on details for the "Name that Lion" contest.

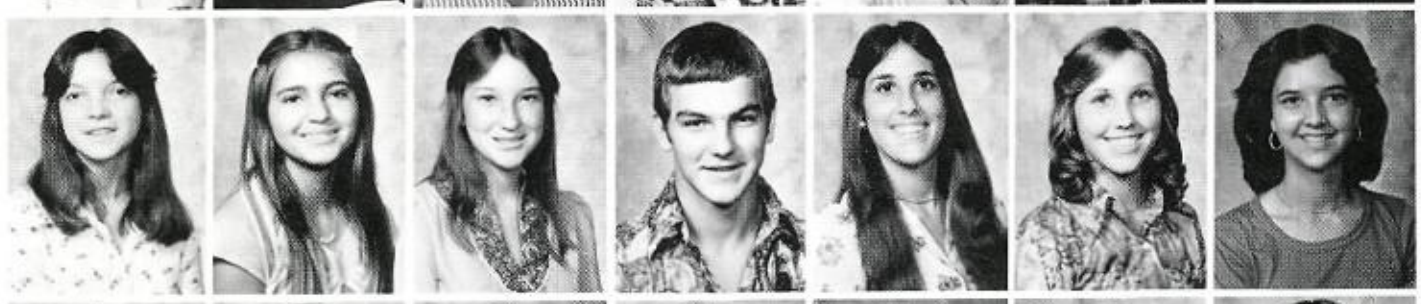
Economic Strains Cause Problems for Juniors

During their off-hours, juniors spent their time economically as well as expensively. The natural gas shortage, rising prices of cars, and gasoline caused constant tightening of belts by the juniors. Junior girls and guys shopped for items whose prices increased daily.

On weekends, they splurged on expensive dates or stayed home and watched thrillers on the telly. Saving money became a major task for Ouachita students. One way a junior saved was by cutting down on movies. "After a few months or so, you could see a box office attraction that played at the Cinema on television," said Brad Wilson, a conservative junior.

Richard Minninger
Karen Mitchell
Dobie Mixon
Kathy Mizell
Donna Montalbona
Clifton Moore
Deborah Moore

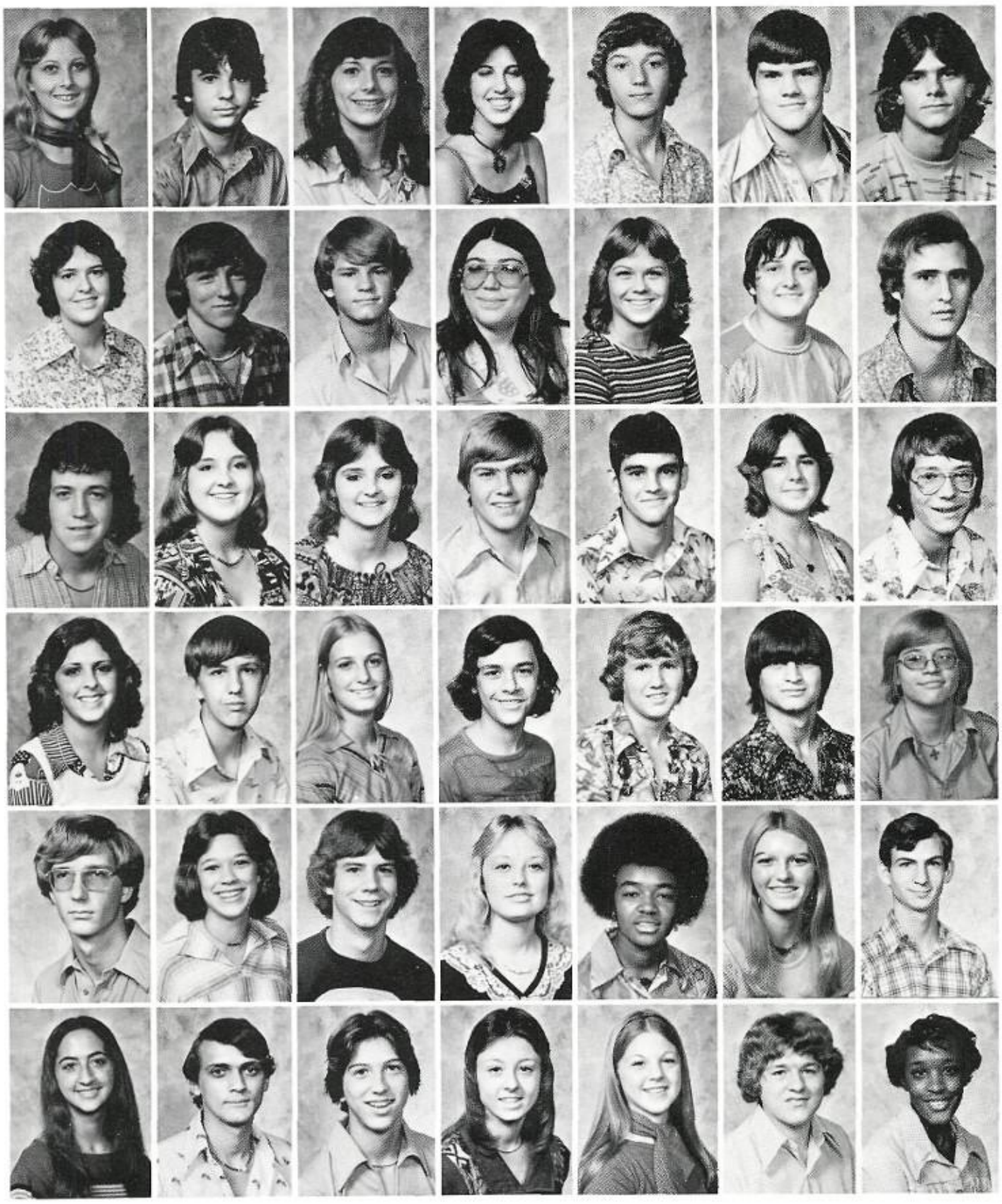
Jackie Moore
James Moore
Janice Morehead
Teresa Morehead
Bud Morgan
Cathy Murphey
Charles Murphey



Debbie Murphy
Paula Murphy
Rhonda Myer
John Myers
Darlene Nelson
Maureen Nelson
Kim Newton

Phuc Nguyen
Phuong Nguyen
Kathy Nichols
Rebecca Nolan
David Nordman
Lisa Norris
Lora O'Brian

LEFT: Brad Wilson fights Craig Bryant for a peek at his Farrah Fawcett shirt as they await the start of the assembly.



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Larry Olinde
Beth Parker
Janet Paulus
Jeff Payne
Danny Peeler
Dickie Peeler

Desi Pender
Richard Peters
Eddie Pickett
Karla Pitarro
Melisa Pittman
David Platt
Stephen Plummer

Dan Potts
Joan Powell
Joy Powell
Ricky Powell
Sam Powell
Sara Powell
Stephen Pratka

Alise Pressley
David Price
Kelly Price
Stephen Price
Chuck Pruett
David Pruitt
Susan Prystauk

Warren Ramsey
Patti Randol
Dan Read
Sheila Reed
Barbara Reese
Sherri Reeves
Dennis Renfroe

Cheryl Renfrow
Kenneth Reppond
David Reynolds
Jeannie Rhodes
Allyson Rhymes
Bill Richard
Debra Richardson

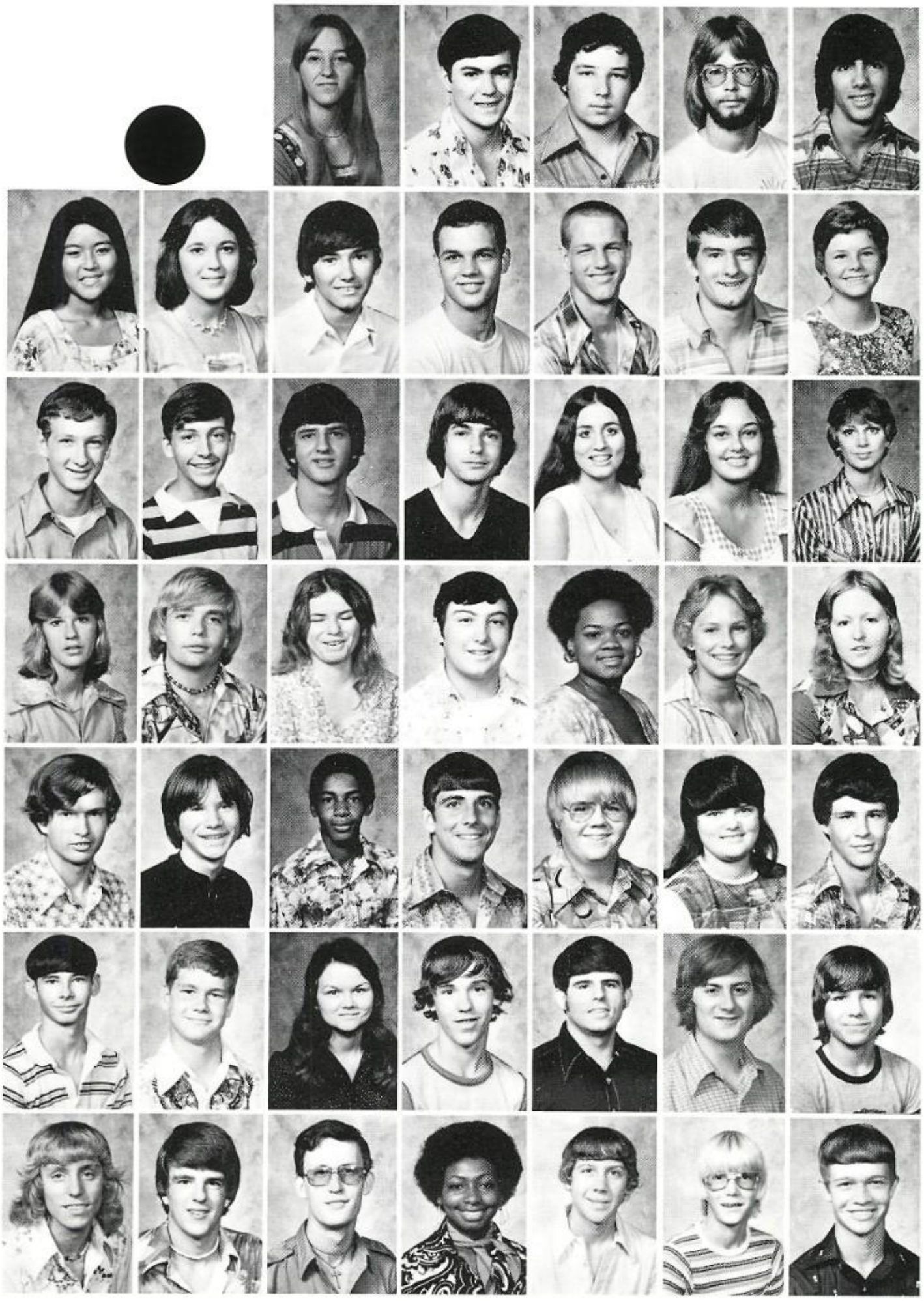
Involved Juniors Seek New Leadership

"Win with Lynn!" "Run with Rhymes!" "Vote for a Lee-der!" were used to persuade student voters in the student government election. New officers were needed for the 77-78 school term and juniors ran to win.

Posters lined the walls of Ouachita promoting candidate campaigning. Prospective office-holders issued stickers: "Score with Barry" and "Vote the Ingram way."

Involved juniors prepared to lead their senior class to a year filled with new opportunities and excitement.

ABOVE: Curtis Gulledge and Eddie Shipp are dwarfed by the heavy equipment used by **T. R. DRILLING, 611 NORTH 17th,** which offers quality service backed by a solid reputation. Call **388-4191.**



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Doyle Roberts
Harold Roberts
Jim Rosamond
Mike Rose

Rene' Ross
Janet Rowe
Jay Russell
Mark Rutherford
Rick Sain
Michael Salmon
Kelly Sanders

Tracy Sanders
Billy Sanson
Bill Savage
Billy Scalia
Toni Scalia
Stari Seal
Barbara Self

Carol Shannon
Albert Shows
Barbara Shows
Michael Sikes
Janice Siller
Kelli Simmons
Becky Sivils

John Sivils
Chris Skinner
Bobby Smith
David Smith
Don Smith
Donna Smith
Greg Smith

Randolph Smith
Randy Smith
Sharron Smith
Mike Smithwick
Mark Soister
Joseph Spann
Chip Spears

Chuck Spears
Scott Spence
Ernest Stephens
Eugenia Stewart
Ron Stratton
John Strumpell
Lynn Sullivan

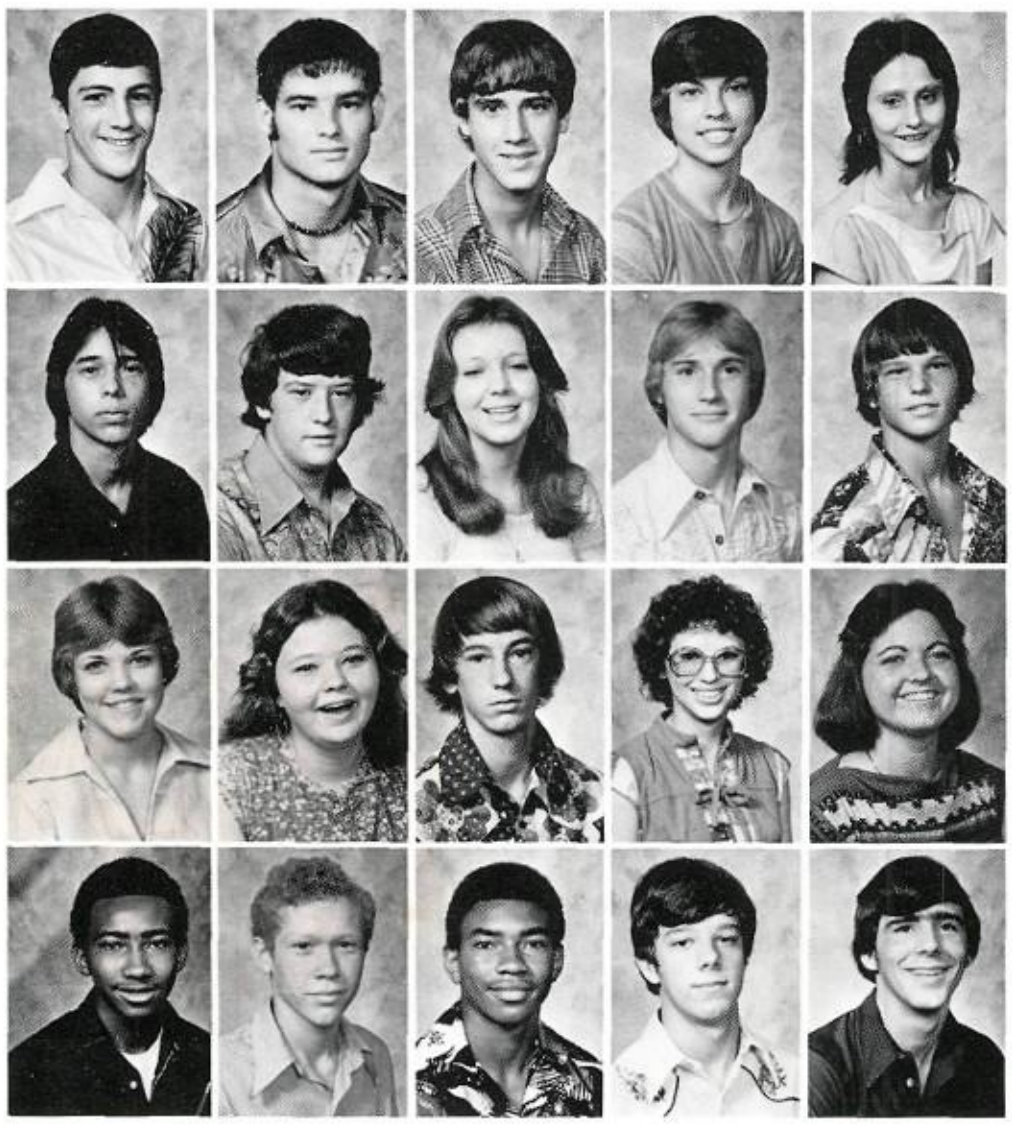
Juniors Make a Difference

Ouachita juniors used their energy towards uplifting school spirit, and also that of the entire community. School organizations, like the CYCP, benefited from the aid of juniors. One project, the sale of Old-Fashioned stick candy, thrived on junior participation.

Bettering the community, however, did not always require group involvement. Some juniors attacked the solitary jobs of street drives and aluminum recycling collections.

While assisting others, juniors also worked to improve themselves. Many enrolled in extra courses sponsored by the Community Education project, joining students and adults from all over the area in unique education experiences.

No matter if the juniors expressed their concern for the community through individual or group action; they improved the area and themselves, enough to make a difference.



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Mark Taylor
Beth Templeton
Suusie Tew

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Tommy Thompson
Judy Thornell
Tom Thurman
Bryan Tucker

Gina Tucker
Patricia Tucker
Perry Tucker
Sheryl Turnbow
Cindy Turner

David Turner
John Turner
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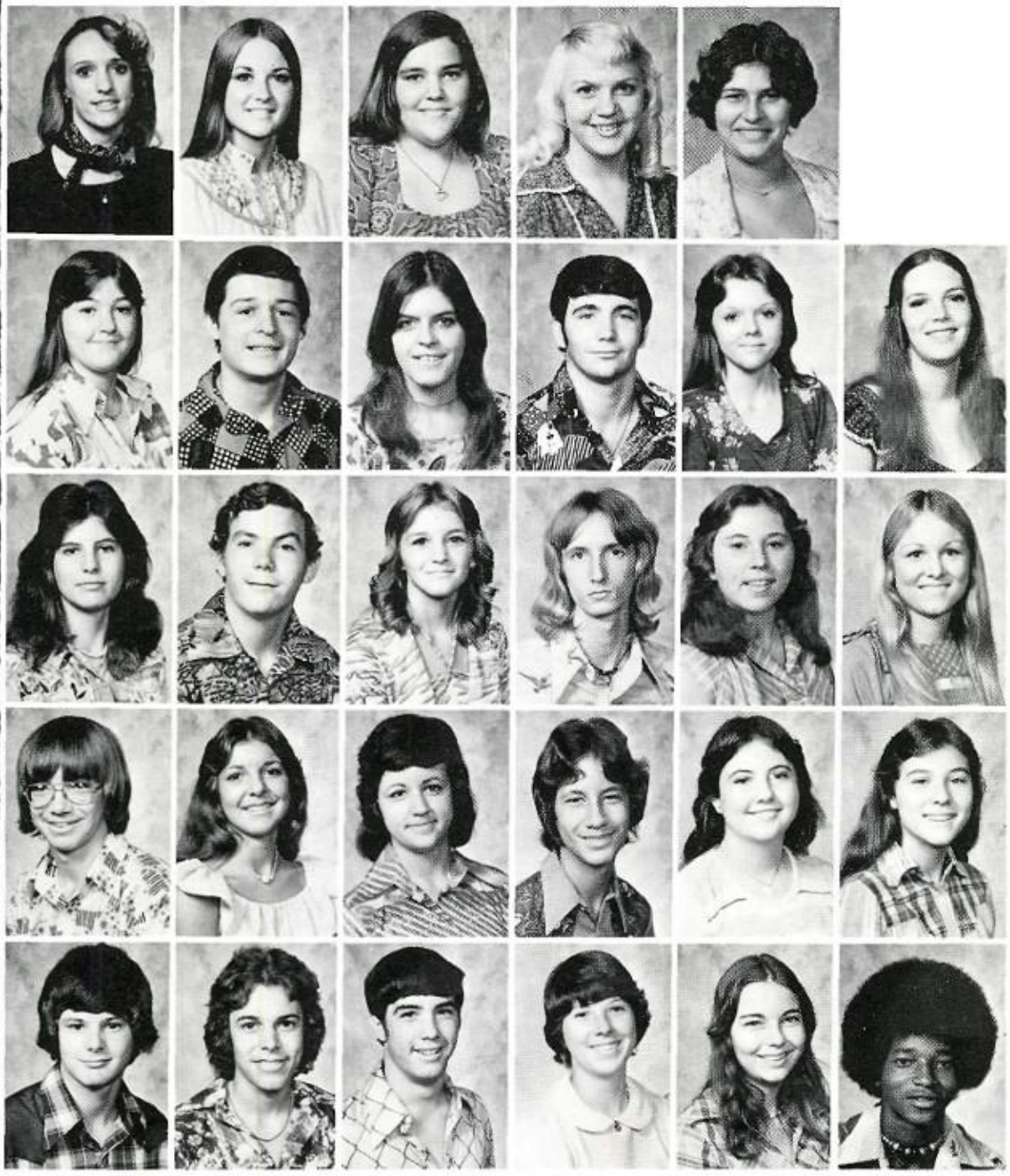
Tony Vance



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Lydia Viola
Dianne Von Behren
Angie Walters
Beth Walton

Debbie Ward
James Ware
Dee Watson
Randy Watson
Lynn Weaver
Cathy Wells

Sondra West
Dwight Whitaker
Suzanne Wiley
Ricky Wilkerson
Debbie Williams
Donna Williams

Brad Wilson
Debbie Wright
Robin Wilson
Ronnie Winnon
Carol Wood
Debbie Wood

Ricky Woodham
Bobby Woods
Ricky Wooley
Teena Yarbrough
Danna Yelvington
Charlie Young

LEFT: Juniors, John Jussel and Jeff Ferracci lend their strength to transport a Christmas card to the front lawn for display. The cards were on display during the Christmas holidays.

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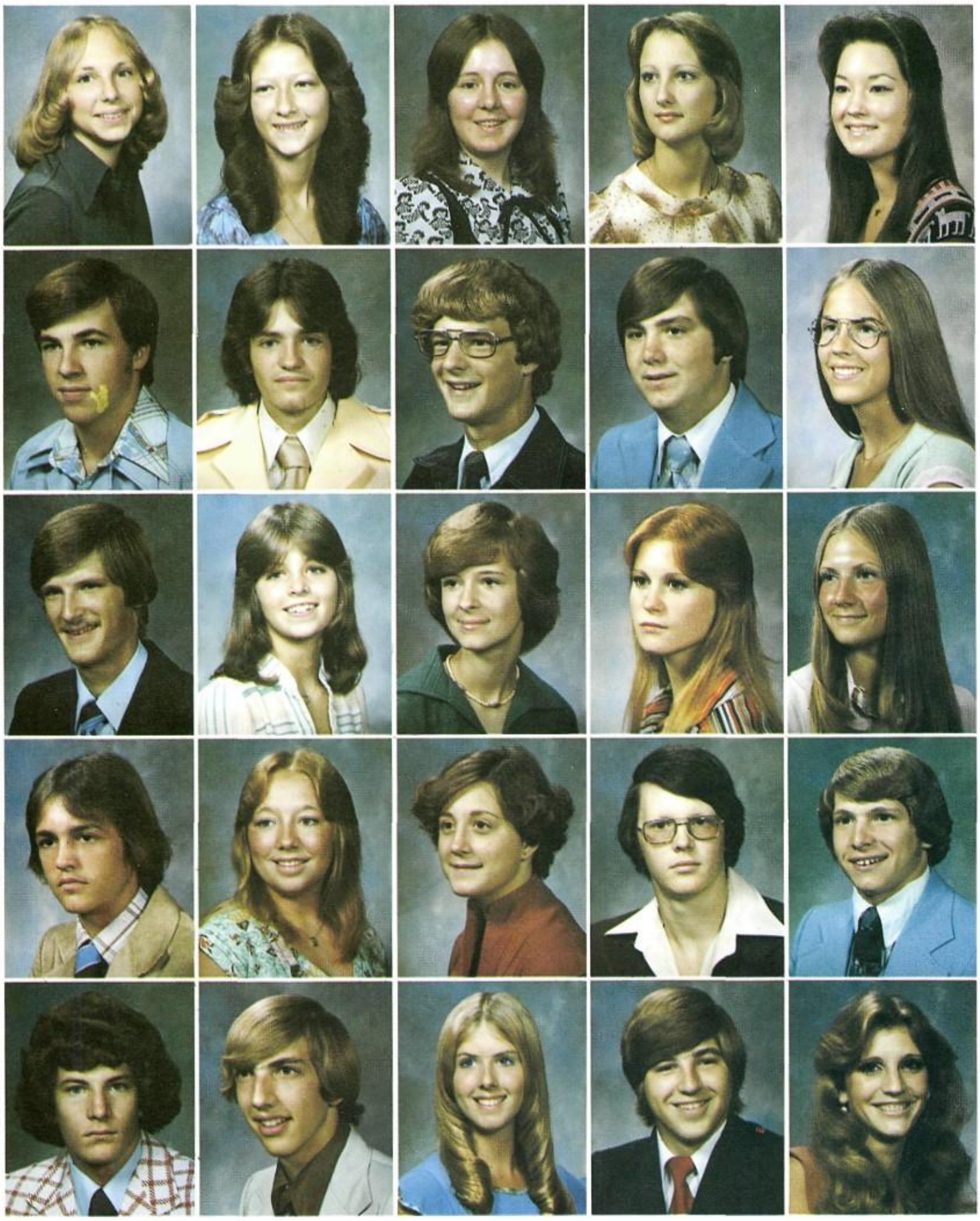

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Jan Aswell

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John Barnes
Mark Barnes
Becky Barron

Carl Batson
Peggy Batson
Jan Beaver
Ann Bell
Cindy Bennett

Jimmy Bennett
Amy Berry
Donna Berry
David Biles
Mark Blackwelder

Mark Booth
Wendell Bostelmann
Robin Bramble
Randy Breaux
Patti Brice

Cheryl Brown
Jeanne Brown
Phyllis Brown

Tim Bryan
Grorge Bryant
Marilyn Burns

David Busby
Kathy Caldwell
Bubba Carter

Linda Casey
Laura Causey
Cindy Clouate
Susan Cohn
Jane Coleman

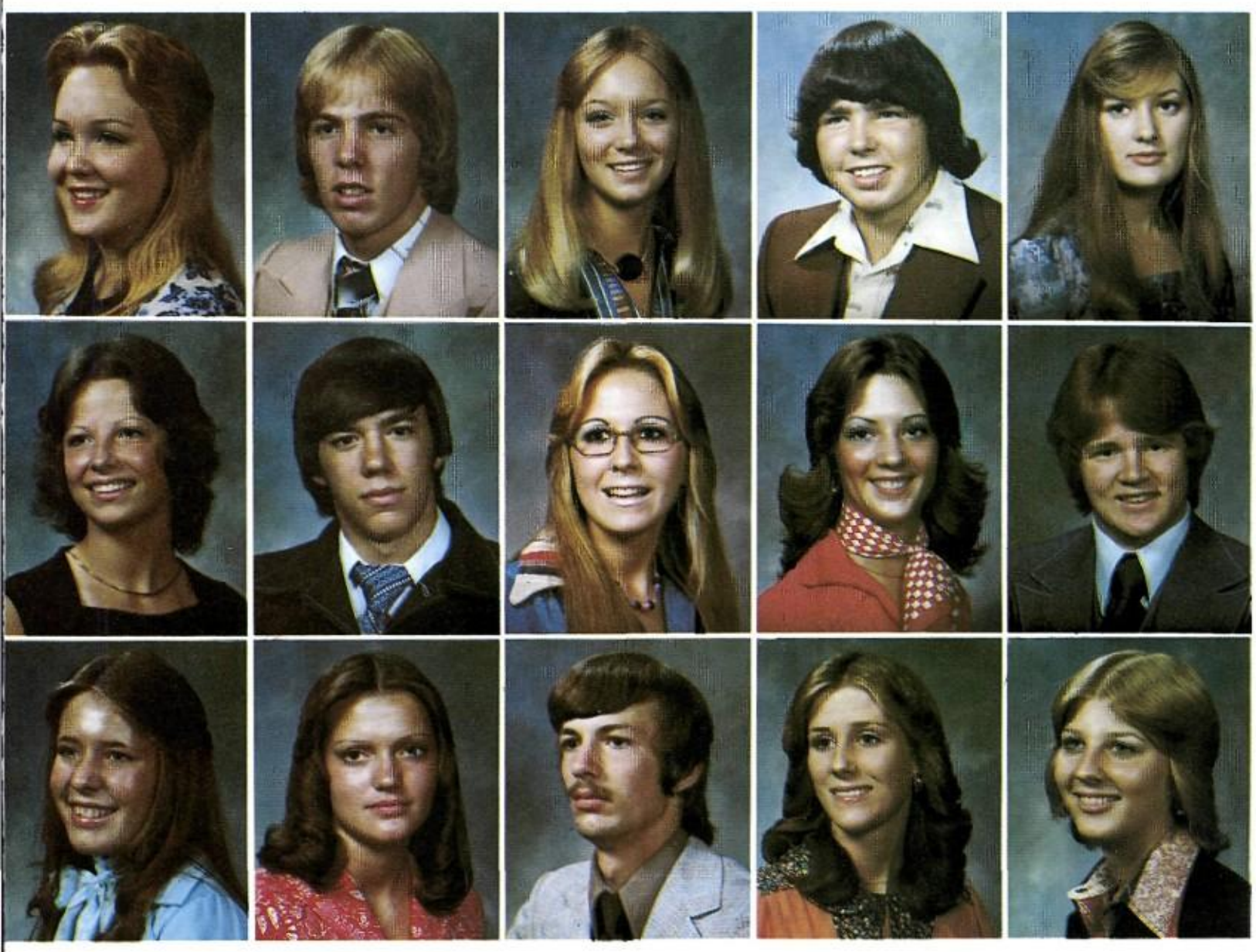
Sherry Couch
Shelby Creel
Cynthia Culpepper
Cathy Cupit
Becky Curtin

Lynn Daniel
Brenda Davis
Mary Dawsey
June Dement
Rex Dillingham Jr.

Seniors Lay It On the Lion

With the death of thirteen year old Cheepa in the spring of '76, Ouachita was left without a mascot. The seniors of '77, as their gift to the school, bought a new lion before the 1976 football season.

The cub made his residence at Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo when he was not on tour for the "Mighty Lions." On game nights the lion was brought out to the stadium in his red and white cage to promote team spirit. Ouachita fans were happy to have a mascot again, and Jack Laird expressed that pride when he said, "He should be thankful he is a Ouachita Lion!"



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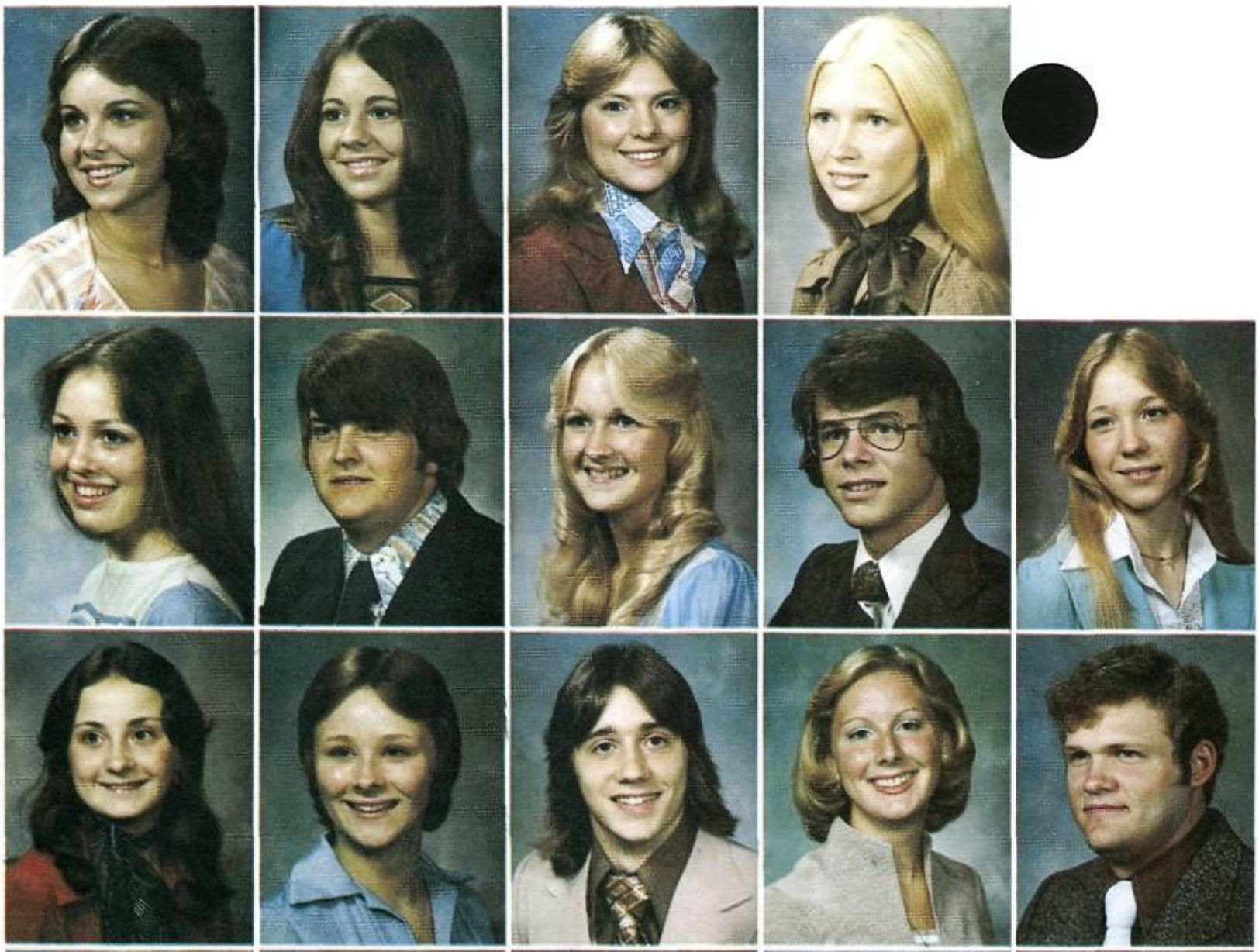
Karen Draper
Tommy Dubose
Susan Duke

Debbie Dupree
Mike Durham
Teresa Durham
Susan Eads
Tommy Easterling

Cindy Egloff
Fran Elarton
Steve Elliott
Susan Ensminger
Gidget Eppinette

TOP: Mr. Howell accepts from Christel Sharp and Clay Lee, a new type of senior gift—a mascot!



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Vera Eppinette
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Janis Evans

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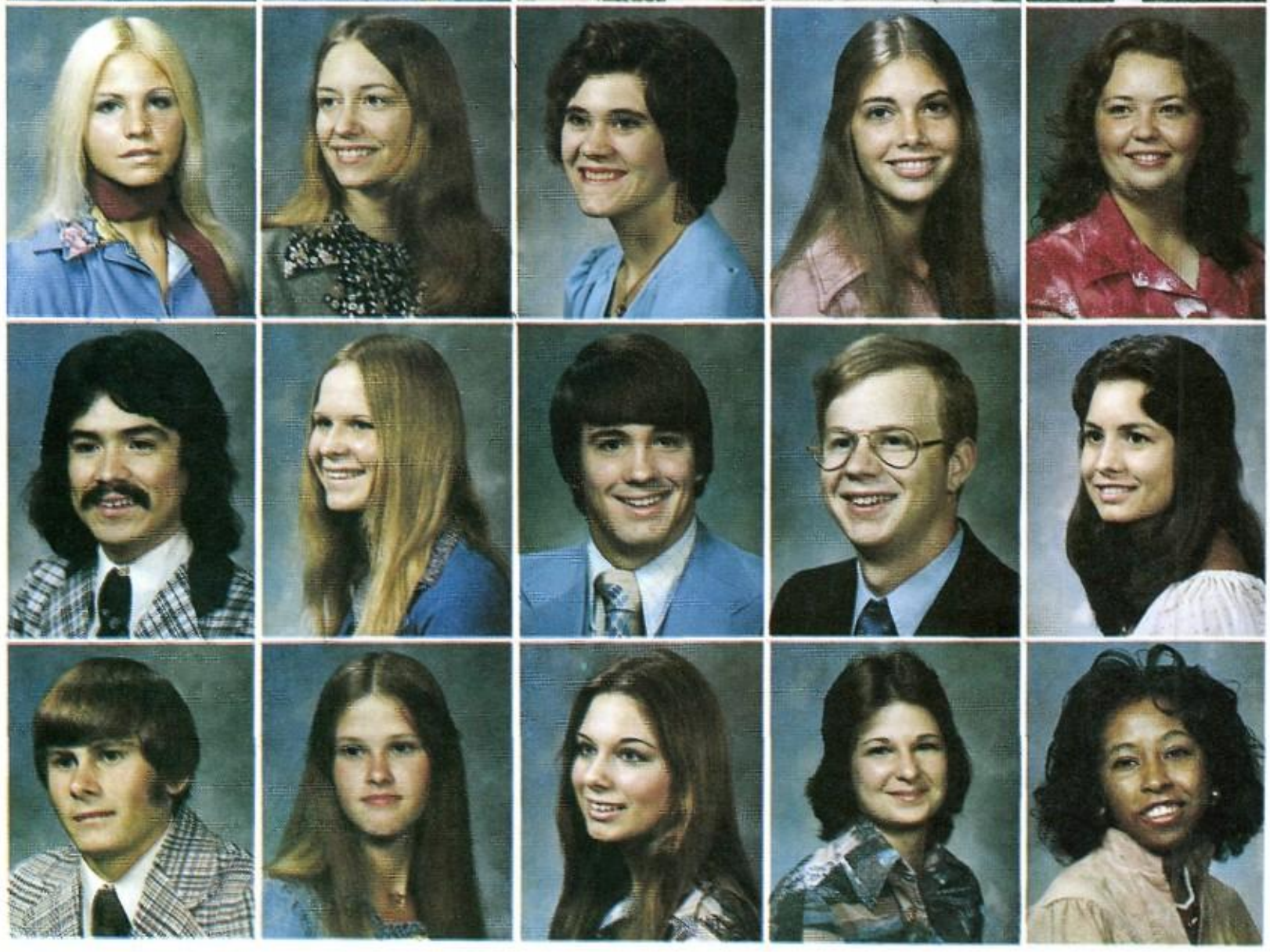

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Dana Gaar
Patty Ganey

Jose' Garcia
Sharon Gilds
Randy Gilley
James Gilreath
Lisa Giovingo

Chris Greer
Susan Glenn
Linda Gourley
Julie Grafton
Kathy Gray

You've Really Grown!

The senior class has really grown! Forty-five years ago, in 1932, the senior class numbered 212. The class of '77 has reached to 406. Parents of Ouachita students who attended the downtown high school, may remember their class of '52 consisting of 266.

According to the 1932 "Gasser," as the yearbook was named, in 1899 Ouachita had two teachers, three classrooms and fewer than 100 students. Thirty-three years later, there were twenty-four teachers and almost 1300 students, including a freshman class.

Ouachita Parish High School now has sophomore through senior classes, with a total of 1283 students, a faculty of 65, and a diverse curriculum.

Gigi Graves
Ken Green
Barry Guess
David Guess
Diana Hancock

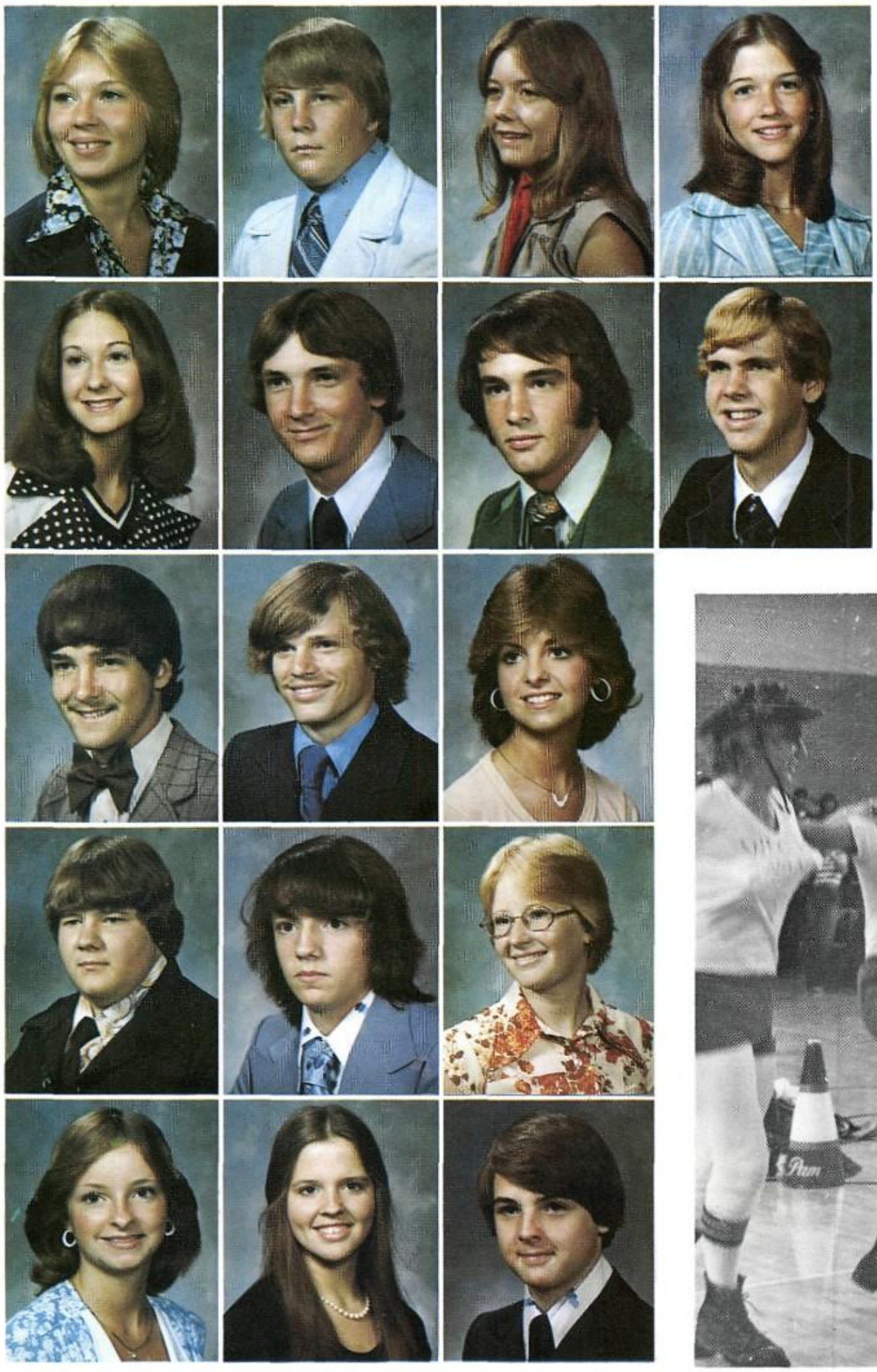
LEFT: Varsity cheerleaders Susan Ensminger and Peggy Trimble watch Connie McCain restore the shape to a much used pom pon before the Ouachita-Woodlawn game.

Seniors Trip Out After Graduation

Most, if not all, seniors talked of their trip after graduation long before May 13th. Vacation thoughts were many and varied. Plans ranged from getting lost in the Rocky Mountains to sunburning on the beach at Pensacola.

It took 12 years, or in some cases a little longer, for Ouachita's seniors to earn the time off. "The wait was worth it!" said senior Mike Vallado.

Of course not all of Ouachita's upper class[redacted]k a trip after graduation nig[redacted]e went on to college and some just stayed at home. But no matter what they did, the seniors of 1977 moved into a new part of their lives.



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Larry Haynes

Jim Hegwood
Steve Heidenreich
Rhonda Henley

David Henricks
Ricky Hethcox
Bernie Hicks

Connie Hicks
Peggy Hogan
Chip Holloway

MOB members impersonate the high-kicking Dragonettes at the DeRidder pep rally.

Debbie Holmes
Debbie Hopkins
Pam Horne
Steve Howell
Darrell Howse

Barry Huckabay
Steve Huey
Ricky Hudson
Tim Hudson
Dallas Humble

Scott Ingram
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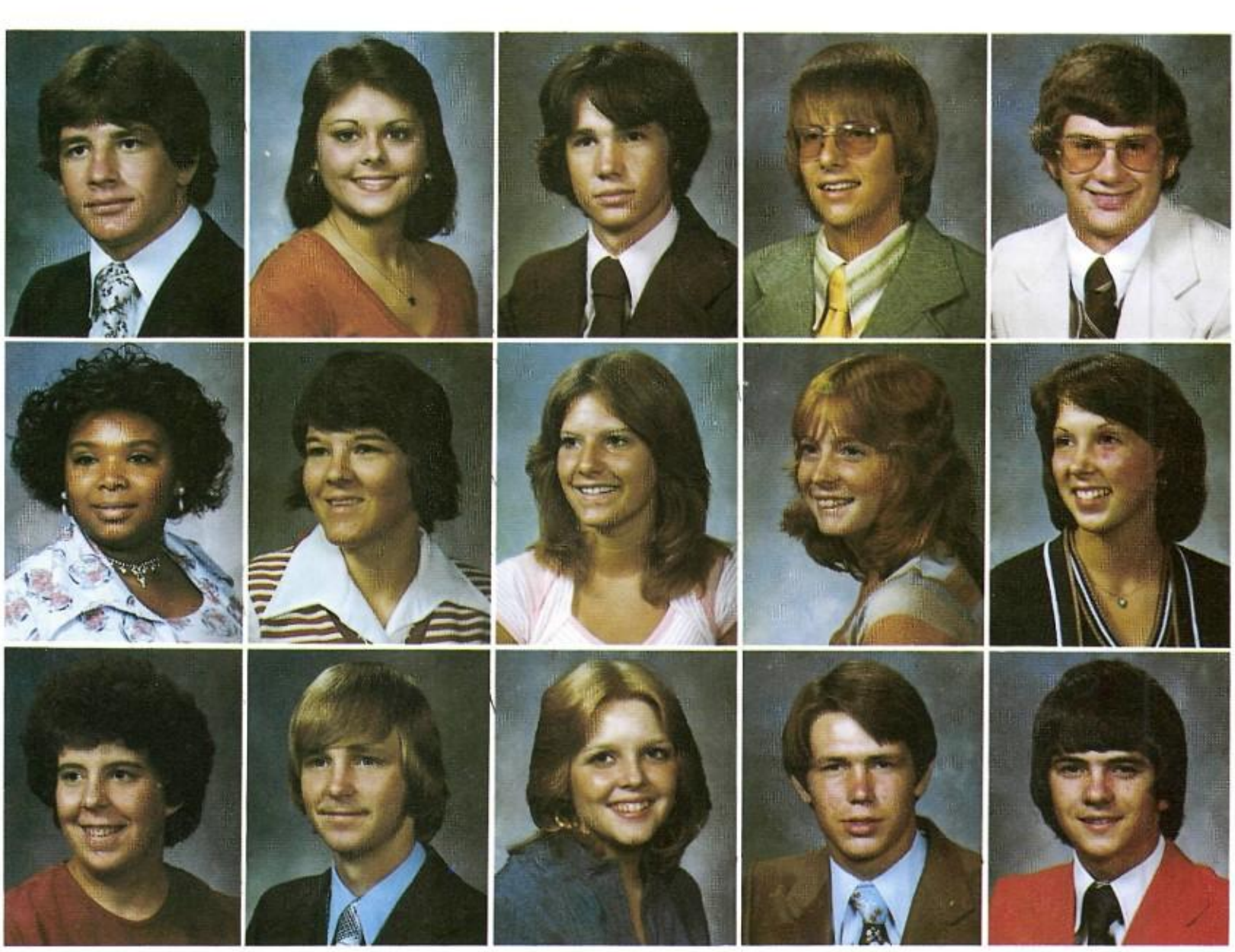
Sharon Jackson
Athena James

Ferdesa James
Mickey Jaques

Jokes, overheard at a party by Lisa Tindall, get a few laughs from Bonnie Turnbow.



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Christy Johnson
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Johnny Johnson
Keith Johnson

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Sandy Johnson
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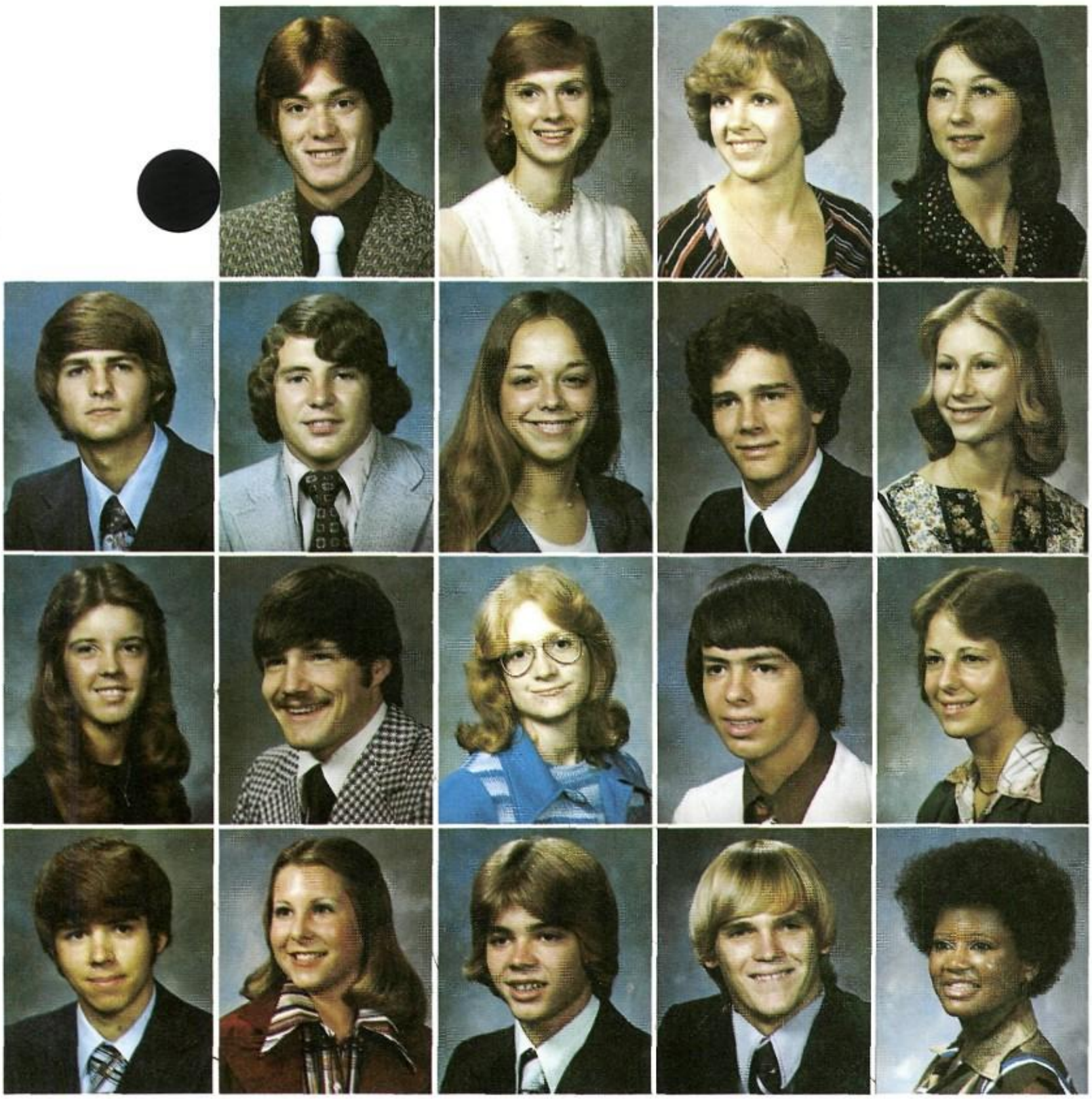
Jana Jones

Kim Jones
Mitchell Jordan
Janet Justice
Thomas Kelley
Mike Kennedy



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Vicki Kilpatrick
Debbie King
Patricia King

Jack Laird
Tommy Lambert
Linda Layburn
Clay Lee
Lesa Lee

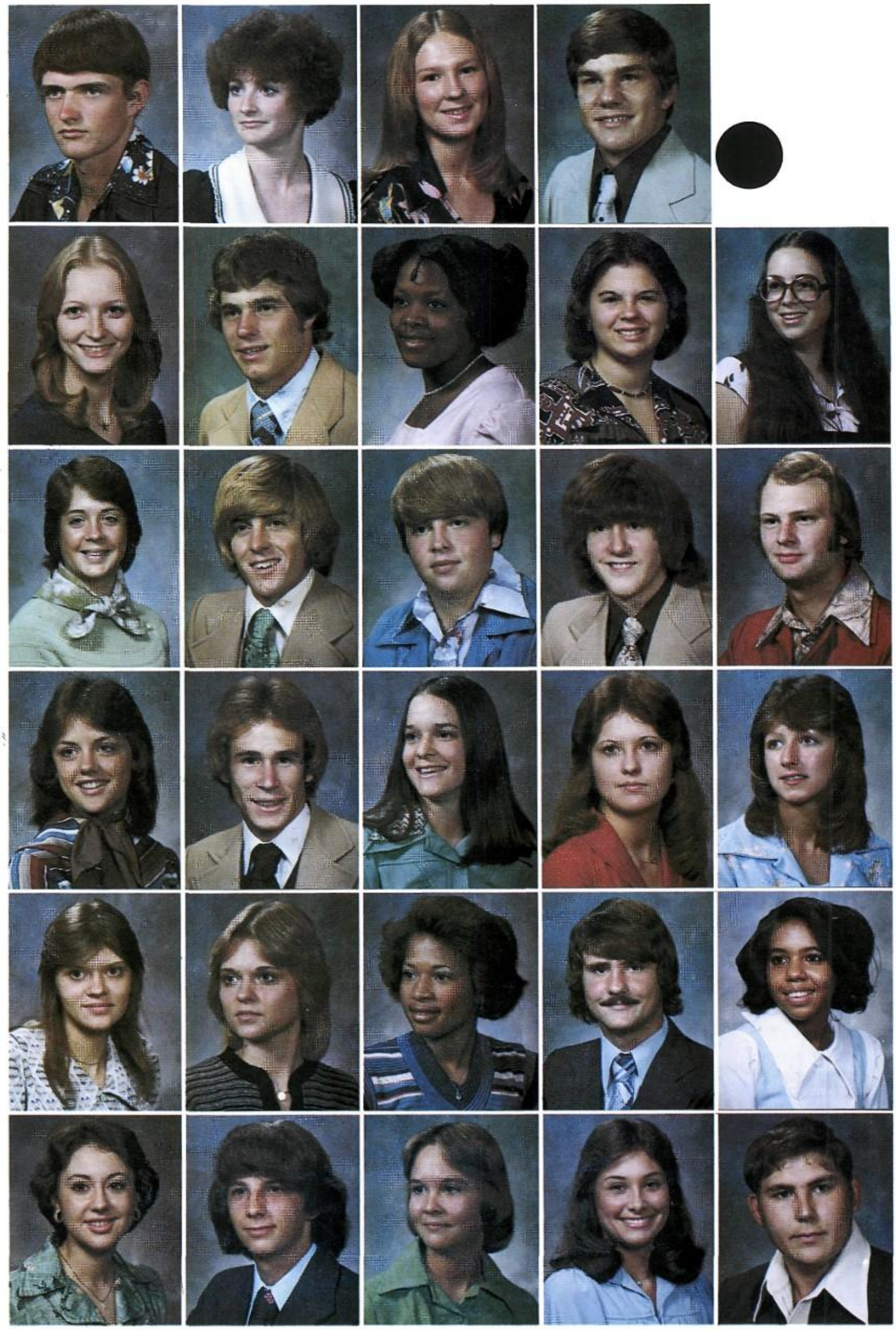
Melanie Lewter
Rusty Lucas
Sarah Lucas
James McGowen
Belinda McBroom

Robert McCaa
Connie McCain
Keith McCallum
Terry McCart
Dora McMillan

Show Us a Party, We'll Show You Ouachita

"We seniors love to party!" exclaimed Debbie Turner. The school year of 1977 was filled with parties given for and by the seniors. Nearly every Friday word was spread throughout the school that someone was having a dance, beer bust or get-together.

Town and Country Pizza and Chenault Recreation Area were filled with many seniors during the school term. New Year's Eve, a time for special celebration, was indeed celebrated at Chenault and T. & C. Tommy Easterling said, "The reason I gave my party at the park, was to get everyone together during Christmas vacation. We had a BLAST."



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Debbie McQuiller
Donna McQuillen
Richard Maley

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Jeff Marchefski
Debbie Marshall
April Martin
Cheryl Martindale

Wanda Marzula
Tommy Mathieu
Bobby Matlock
Billy Medlin
Mark Meece

Cindy Melville
Joel Middleton
Krisann Moore
Theresa Moore
Wendy Moore

Sarah Morrison
Gail Moulder
Tina Moy
Steve Murphy
Joylean Murray

Susan Musick
David Nappier
Rene Nerren
Cindy Nelson
George Nettles

Outstanding Seniors Are Recognized

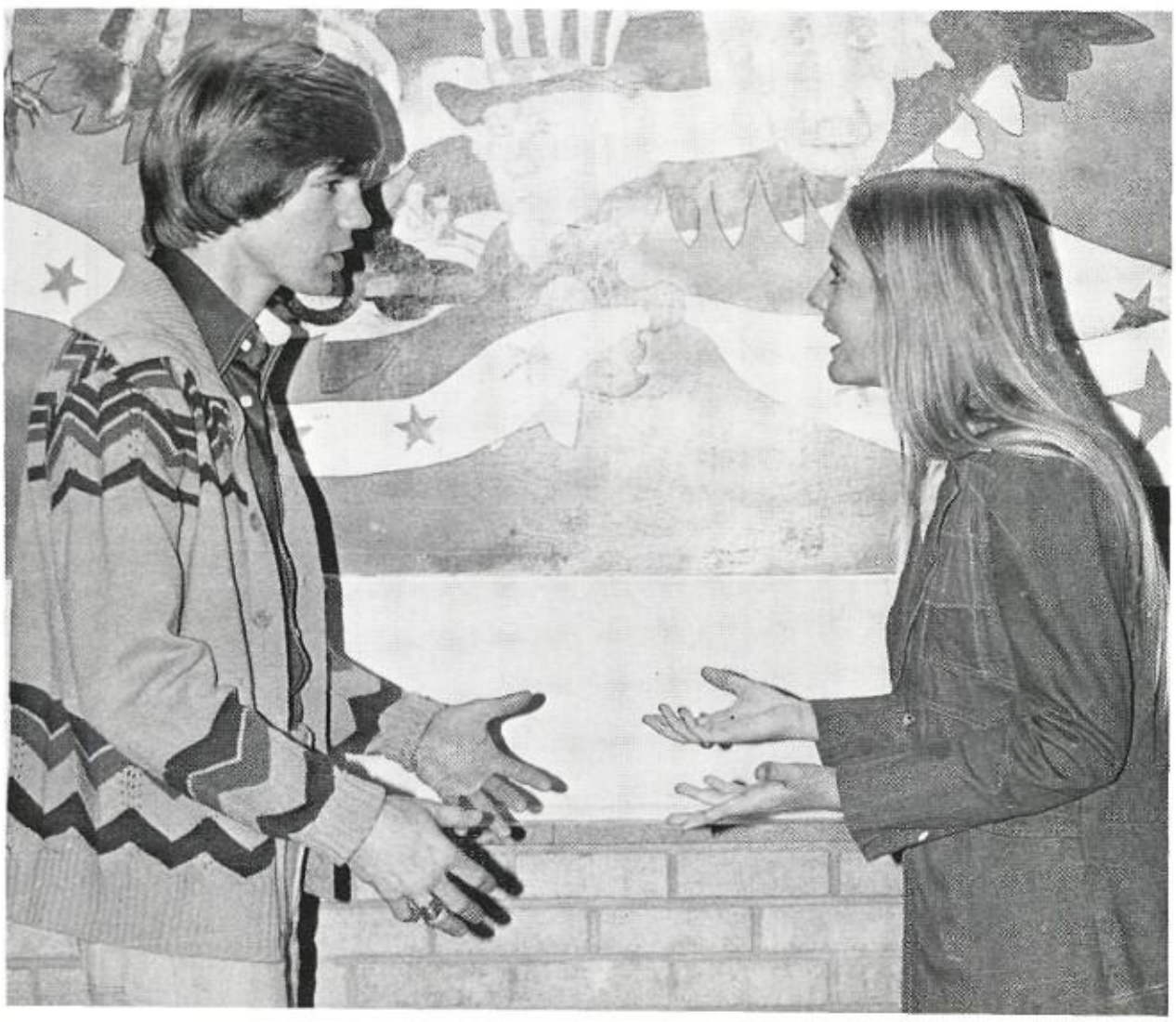
The seniors at Ouachita were in the news often during 1977. Recognized for their outstanding leadership, Lisa Sanders and Steve Huey received awards presented by the Greater Monroe Optimists during Youth Appreciation Week.

Being captain of the Dandy-Lions took up most of Lisa's time. She maintained a busy schedule and also participated in choir, Y-Teens, and Anchor Club. Lisa described her senior year as "hectic, but it will be the most remembered of my high-school years."

Steve was the co-editor and head of photography on the Roarer staff. He organized the MOB his junior year and led it his senior year. In addition, he found time to participate in choir and the golf team. "It has been a busy time for me," said Steve, "but I have made many accomplishments and I hope they help Ouachita in the future."

Beverly Oliveaux
Mike Perry
Harold Pickering
Ricky Pierce
Buddy Plunkett

Kathy Pohl
Fae Price
Jerry Price
Virgil Parker
Johnny Puckett



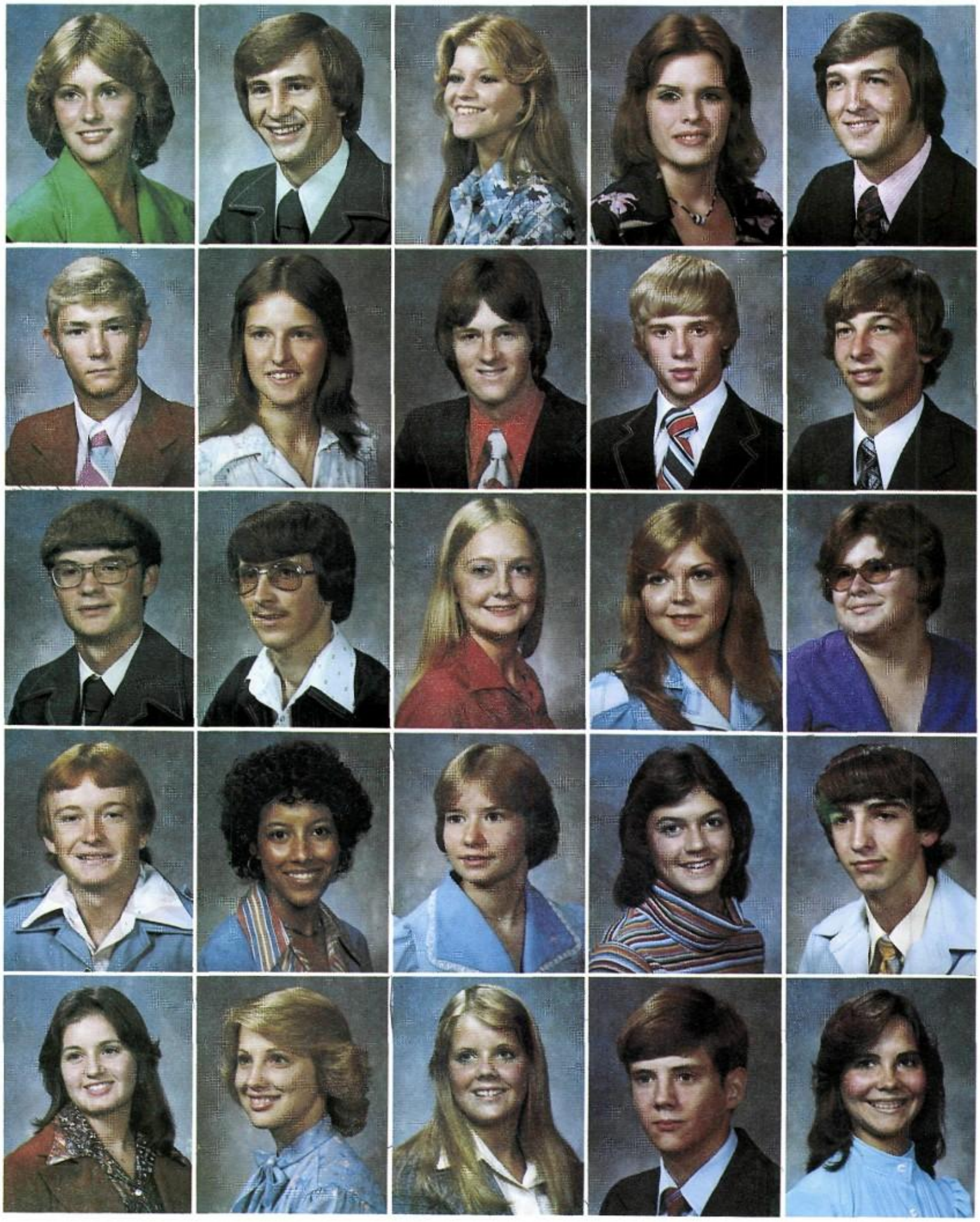
LEFT: Steve Huey and Lisa Sanders, Optimist Outstanding Youths, argue over further education plans.

Seniors Cut It Short

Most Ouachita students rushed to their cars to hurry home at 3:15. But for some short-scheduled seniors, 11:20 was the magic hour.

After they left Ouachita they went to work, trade school, or home to sleep and listen to tapes. To keep the short-scheduled seniors a part of the school activities, pep rallies and assemblies were scheduled to include them.

As one senior, Brian Johnson, put it "My short-schedule hasn't made me feel any less a part of Ouachita, and I like it because it gives me spare time to do the things I like to do and study the few hard subjects I have."



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Sandy Pyron
Debbie Read
Mark Reynolds

Kirk Rice
Cindy Richardson
Bret Ripley
Stewart Robinette
Jimmy Rodgers

Bill Ross
Randy Rowe
Lisa Sanders
Konni Sanderson
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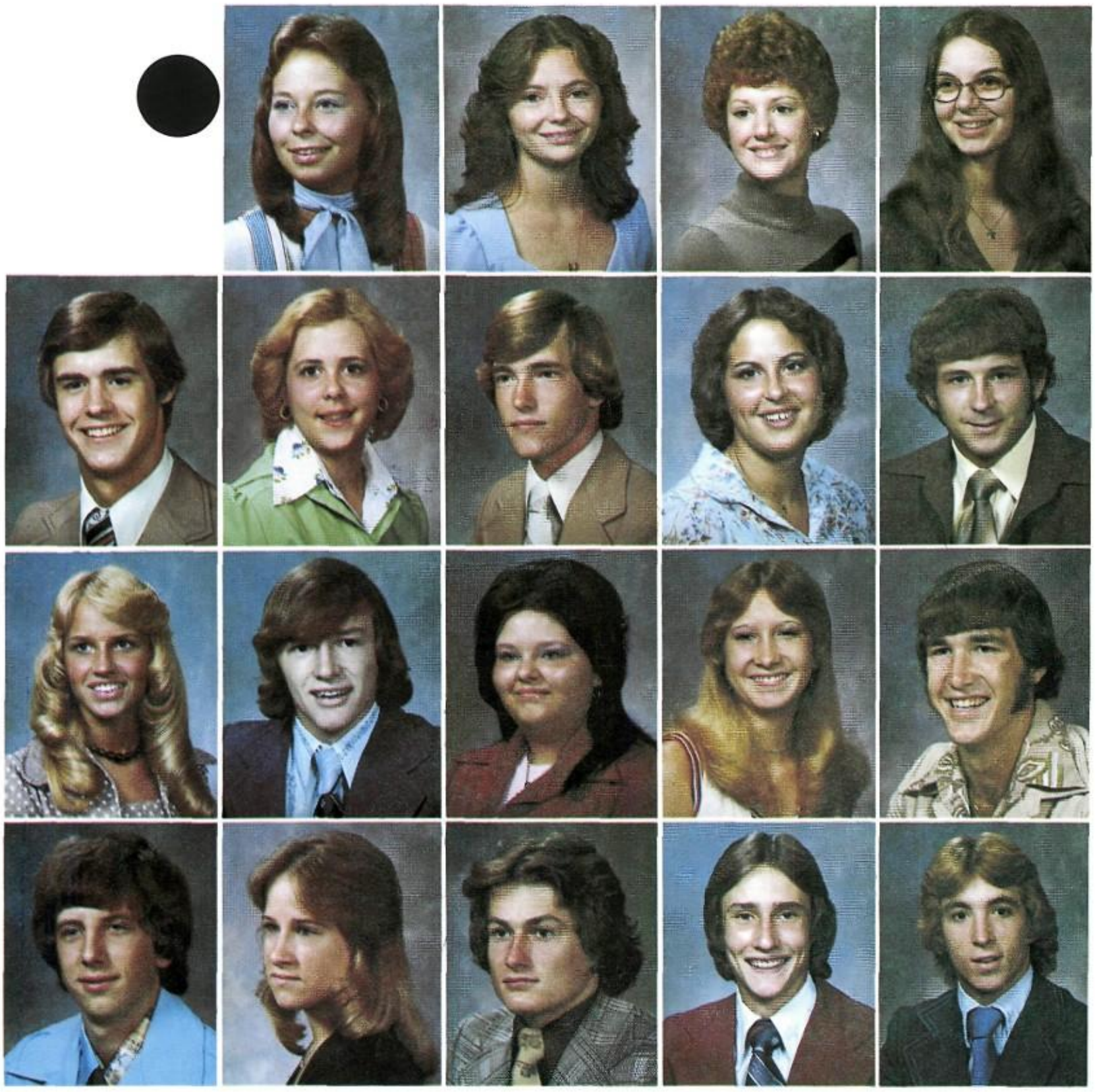

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Beth Spears

Lanny Spence
Jo Ann Stanley
Kevin Steen
Regina Stewart
Robbie Stewart

Kim Stites
Richard Stokes
Elaine Stout
Mamie Stover
Billy Stover

Randy Sursa
Diane Taylor
Gary Taylor
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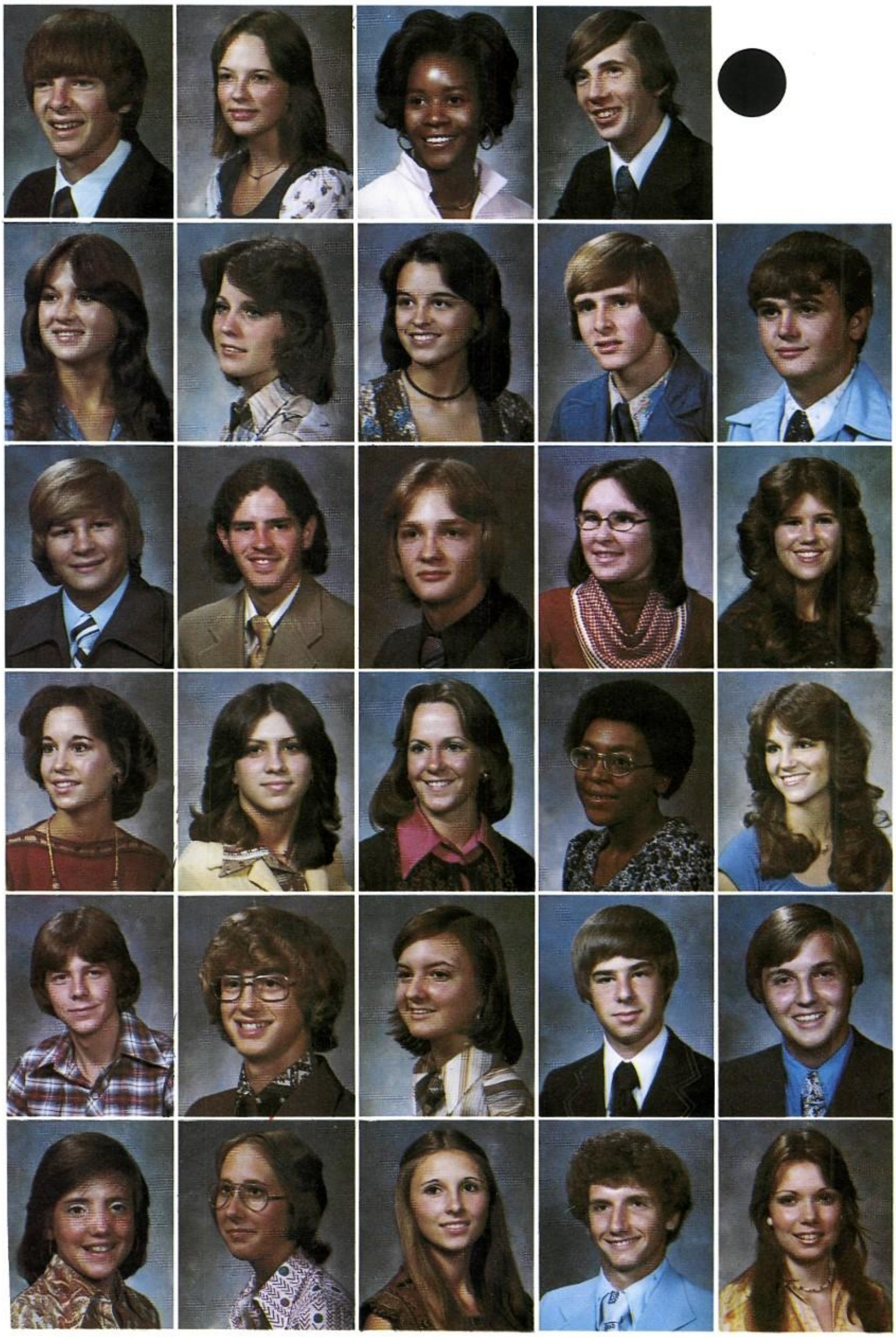
LEFT: Mr. Halbrook receives an award of appreciation from Seniors for his help with the Homecoming festivities.



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John Thompson

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Suzi Timmons
Lisa Tindall
Chris Toney
Tommy Trainer

Bill Travis
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Jimmy Tucker
Cheryl Tucker
Peggy Trimble

Patty Trimble
Karen Travis
Debbie Turner
Rita Turner
Bonnie Turnbow

Martin Tully
Bryan Tullos
Donna Upshaw
Mike Valladao
Billy Vaughn

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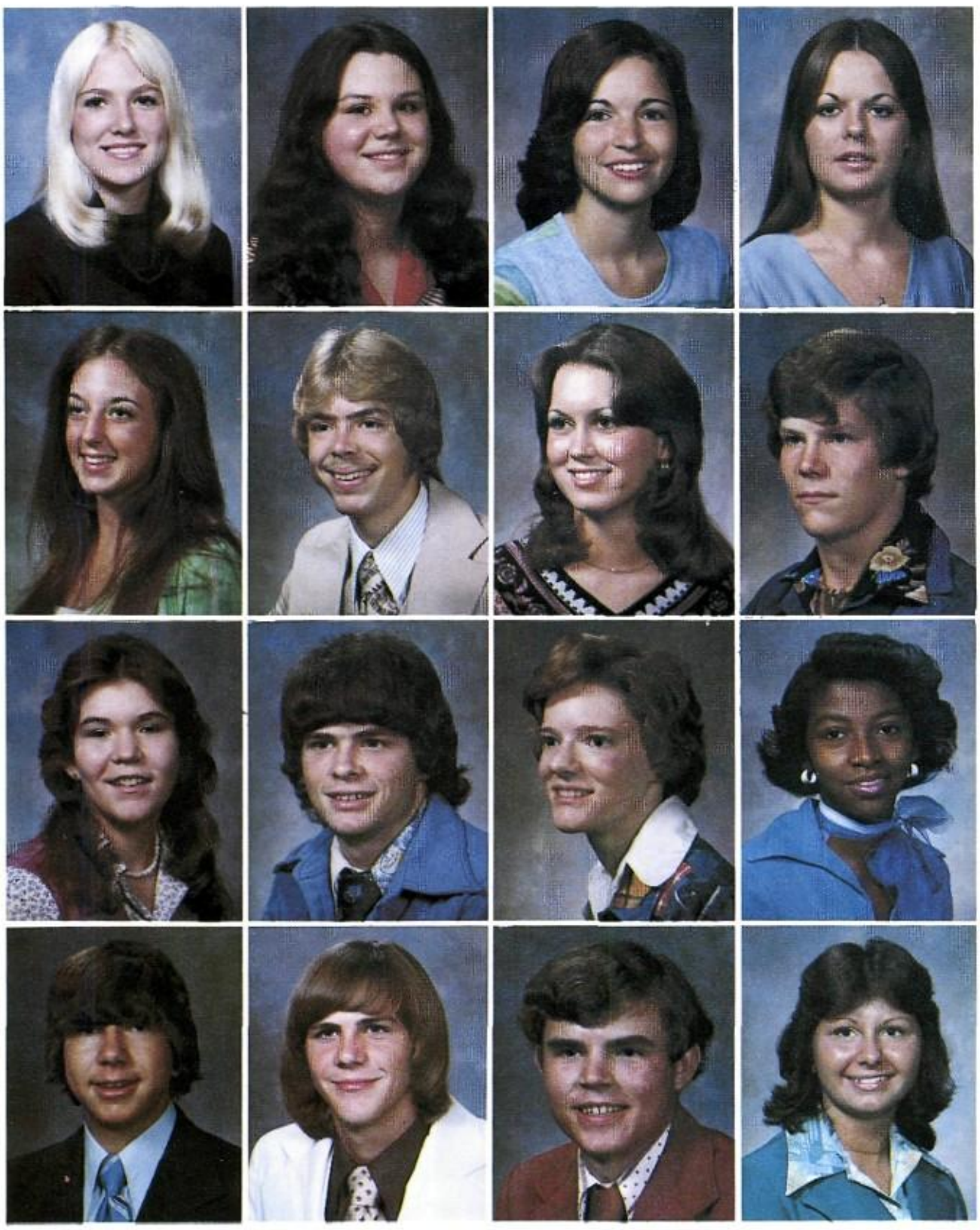
LEFT: David LaPrairie leaves campus early to attend flying lessons at the Monroe Municipal Airport.



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Jeanette Williams

Casey Womack
Logan Womack
Jeff Wood
Cindy Wright

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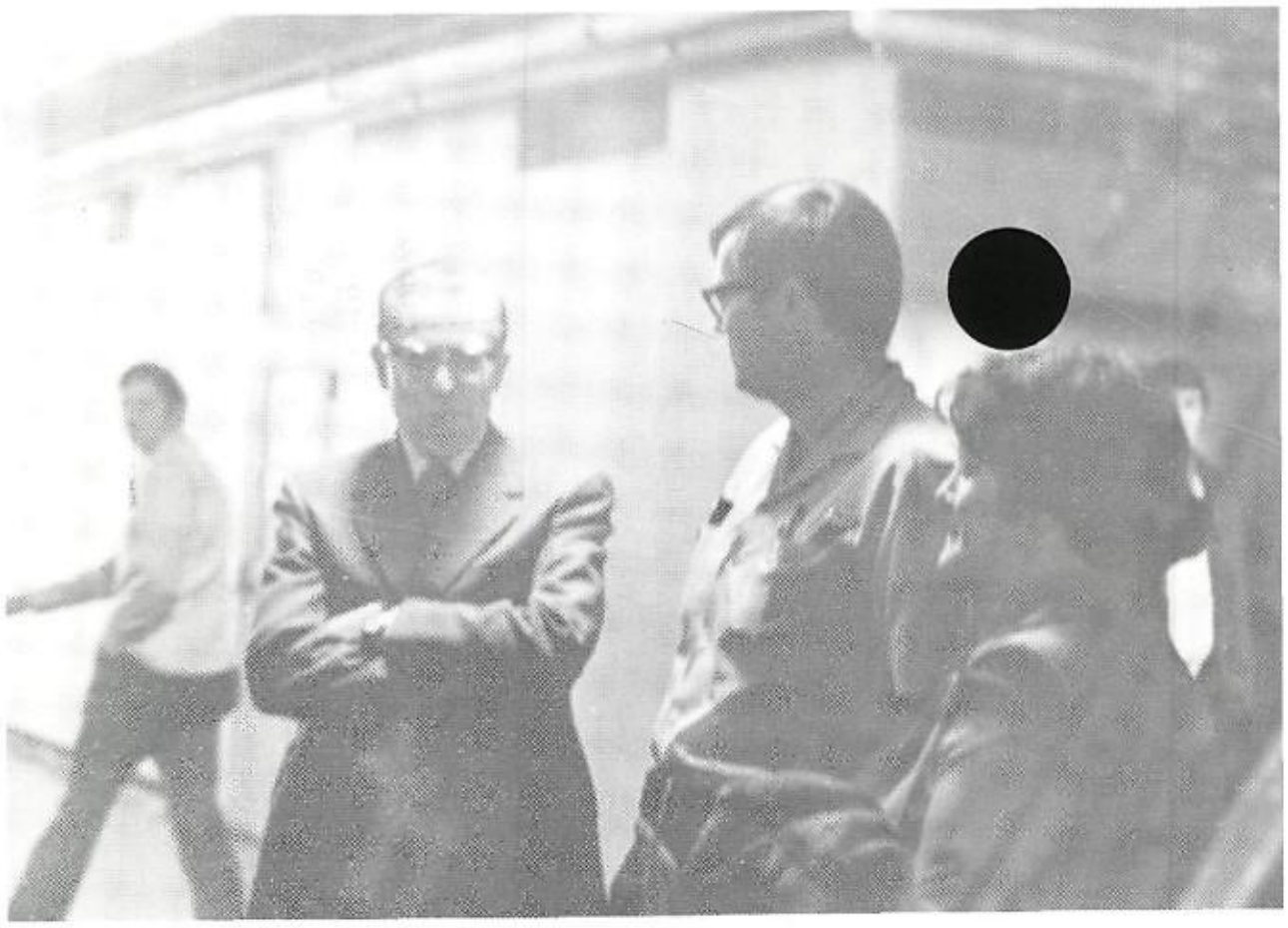
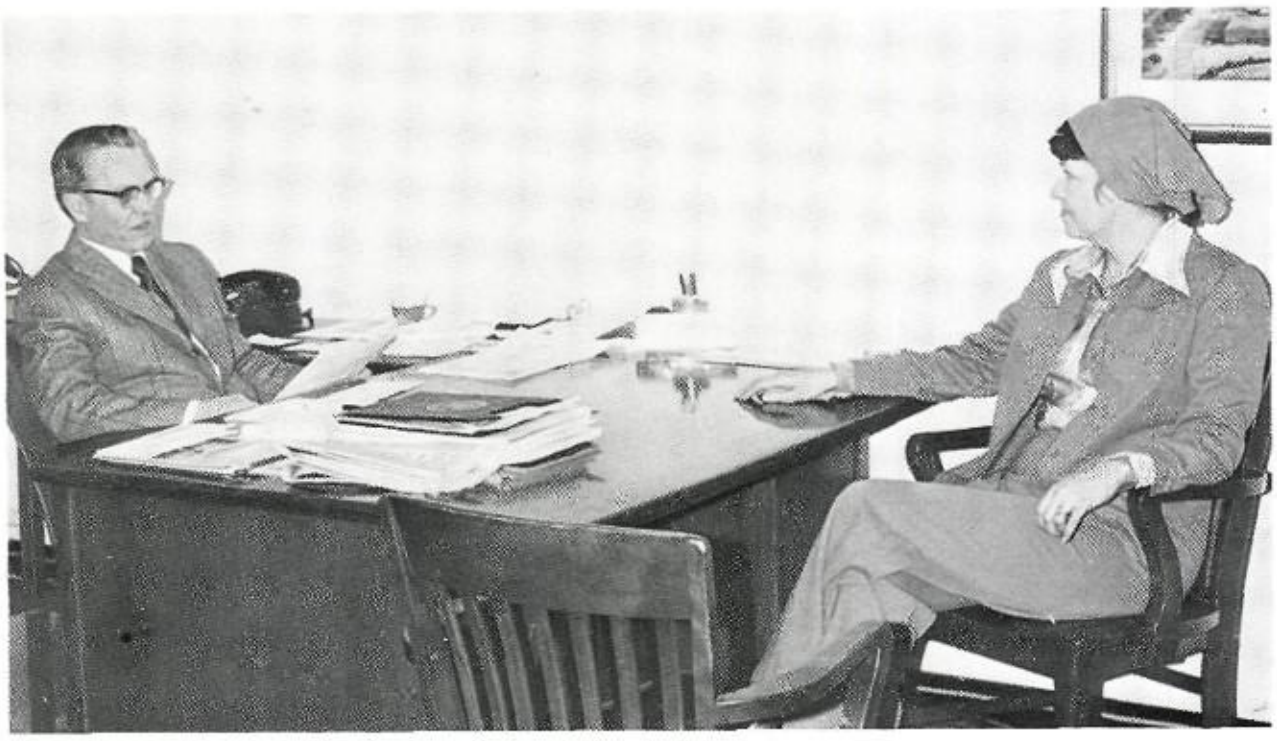
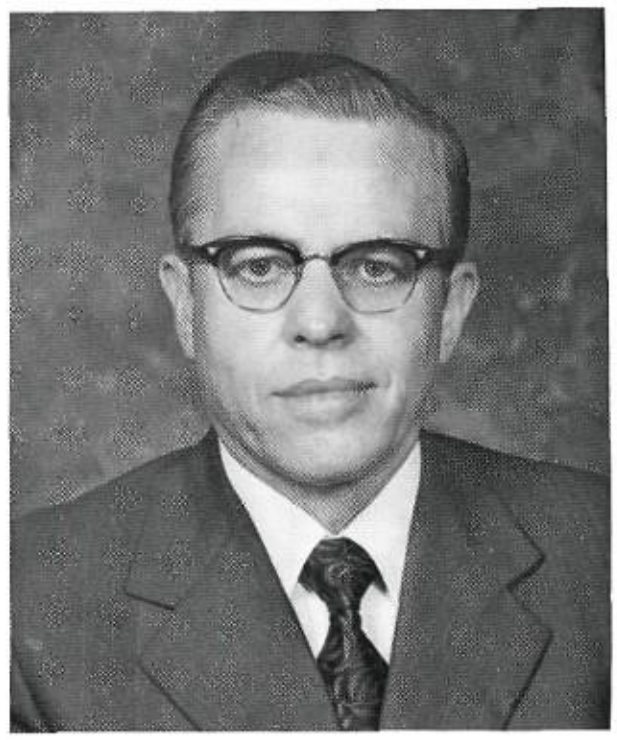


RIGHT: Mr. Howell, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Dante chat for a moment about the outcome of the faculty-student basketball game. BELOW: A big Ouachita fan and active Booster Club member, Mrs. Susan Ingram confers with Mr. Howell about bumper sticker and license plate sales.

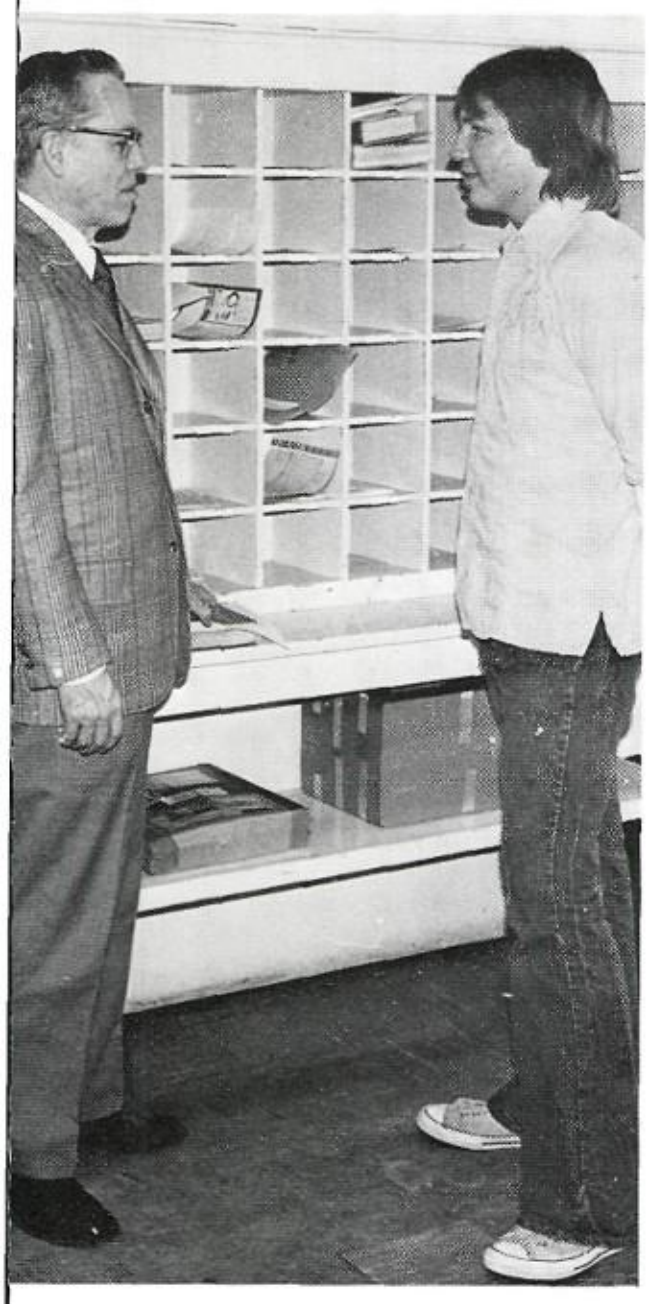




Ouachita Left With Hole in Head

The job of principal is a multi-faceted one, in which one must satisfy the school board members, the teachers, and the students. Mr. S. T. Howell handles it "like a born diplomat" according to one teacher. It is a demanding duty filled with responsibilities that would hinder someone of lesser mettle. Yet it is the resolution of difficulties which causes Mr. Howell to regard his job as "satisfying and interesting."

The election of Mr. Howell early in 1977 to the post of Superintendent of Schools for Ouachita Parish leaves Ouachita Parish High School without a full-time principal. In his final year as principal of Ouachita, Mr. Howell is compelled to divide his time between familiarizing himself with his whole new task, while delegating some of his high school obligations to those under him. Mr. Howell expresses his feelings by saying, "Ouachita is a time and a place; I hope no student passes it by."



ABOVE: Randy Phelps stops Mr. Howell in the office to check graduation requirements *after the addition of Free Enterprise to the* curriculum. TOP: Mrs. Wafer and Mr. Howell sort football tickets for the Fair Park game. ABOVE RIGHT: Mr. Howell laughs at the prophetic plaque presented to him by a *delighted J. O. Lancaster upon Mr. Howell's* election as Superintendent.

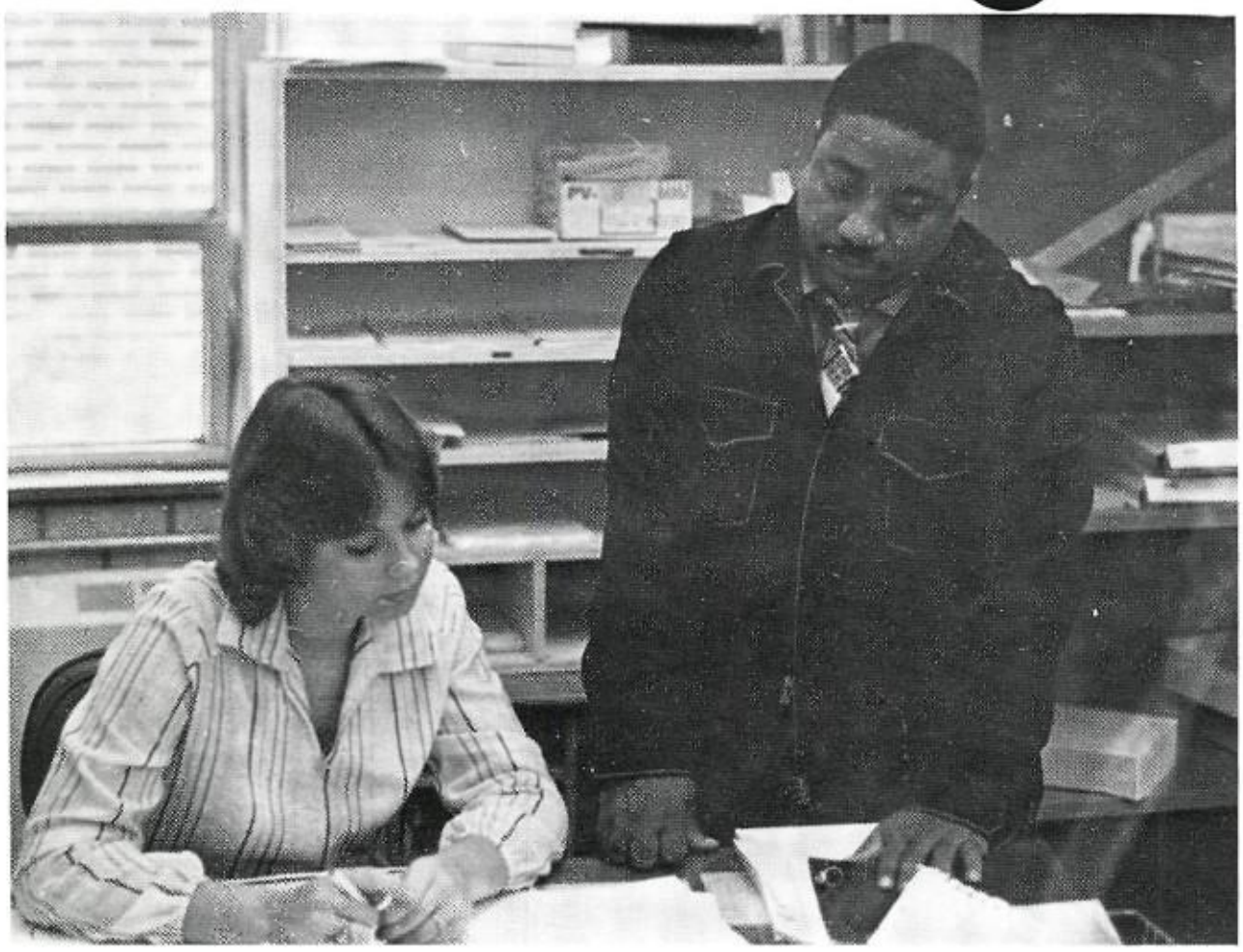
Mr. Howell's Right-Arm Men Are Left

Two men that work closely with Mr. Howell are Mr. Zametto and Mr. Goldsmith. Both men work with students and faculty to help make Ouachita better.

Both have assumed many additional duties because of the frequent absences of Mr. Howell, after his promotion to Superintendent. Handling school business affairs, evaluating teachers, and keeping the school in order were some of the jobs left behind for them to complete.

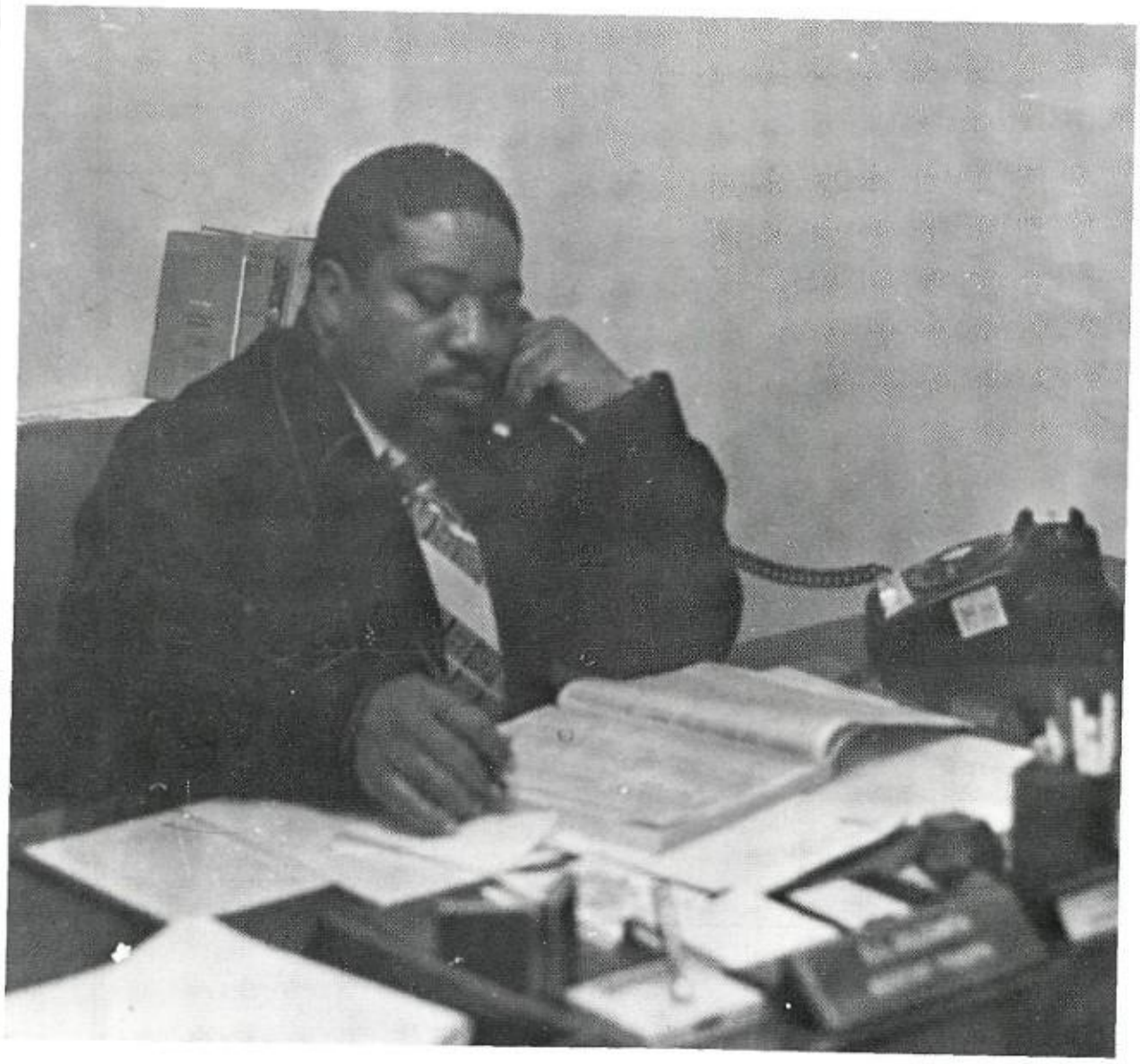
Preparing and changing schedules is one of Mr. Zametto's primary duties. He handles student complaints, as —well as all grade sheets, schedules, and other material to be sent to the computer in Bossier City.

The work load that Mr. Goldsmith takes on consists of hiring maintainence personnel, keeping up with the book supply, replenishing the paper stock, and working with the Manpower program. "Working efficiently in my job to make Ouachita a better school is what I enjoy."



ABOVE: Mr. Zametto, Coach Armstrong, Coach Von Diezelski, and Coach Andrews take time during their lunch period to go enjoy a Coke in the canteen. TOP: Mr. Goldsmith double checks the absentee list that Renee' Eppinette has prepared.

BELOW: From small imported car to large machinery, Ray's has the tire to fit. Don't tire yourself before going to **RAY'S TIRE SERVICE, 304 CRYER STREET, WEST MONROE.**



TOP LEFT: Mr. Zametto explains the procedure in mid-term schedule changing. LEFT: Mr. Goldsmith checks up on a student listed on the absentee list.

Ouachita Secretaries Are Impressive

The two most-seen people at Ouachita are not students, teachers, or principals. They are the two who make Ouachita's first impression on the public because they are the ones who greet all guests and answer all phone calls.

Mrs. Willie Wafer, secretary at Ouachita since 1951, and Mrs. Lou Knight, the school bookkeeper and receptionist, receive more questions and dispense more information than anyone else at Ouachita.

Hundreds of transfer and transcript requests cross Mrs. Wafer's desk each year. Mrs. Knight keeps accounts for 31 clubs, organizations, and school departments. Yet through the detail required of them, they keep the image of Ouachita high with the millionth pleasant repetition of, "Good morning! Ouachita Parish High School."

LEFT: Mrs. Knight makes copies of college transcripts for senior students. FAR LEFT: Mrs. Wafer alphabetizes student computer cards from Mrs. Knight's read out sheets. BELOW LEFT: Mrs. Wafer looks through files for a receipt on a purchase made in 1976. BELOW: Prior to making a deposit, Mrs. Wafer counts money received from football tickets.

BELOW: John Maroney browses through the career information in the guidance office. BOTTOM LEFT: Tommy Lambert seeks advice from Mrs. Bacle on the completion of a college application. BOTTOM RIGHT: Jan Whetstone, Keith Johnson, Carol Fox, and Greg Walker review the opportunities offered at Sowella Tech with Mrs. Bacle. RIGHT: Mrs. Bacle contacts NLU for information on college grants. FAR RIGHT: Mrs. Howell discusses the job opportunities offered in La. with Ester Elahi.

Counselors Set The Stage For a New Year

Involving themselves with school programs, Mrs. Ernestine Howell and Mrs. Louise Bacle designed and coordinated the decorating of the auditorium for the 1977 Christmas assembly. With the help of students and teachers they blended their talents to create a warm atmosphere for the program. Mrs. Leblanc remarked, "The stage really looked great!"

Along with their involvement in school curriculum, Mrs. Bacle, senior counselor, and Mrs. Howell, underclass counselor, continue their usual duties of individual counseling, testing, and supplying career information.

RIGHT: Mr. Jones lends his artistic ability to help with his class' Christmas card.

Bobby Andrews
Student Services; Athletics
David Armstrong
Biology, Athletics
Gary Armstrong
American History; Athletics
Louise Bacle
Guidance

Evelyn Ballard
Home Economics; Home and Family Living
Tom Causey
Algebra, Advanced Math; Athletics
Mickey Cleveland
P. E.; Athletics
Connie Coleman
English II (second semester)

Linda Coleman
American History, Free Enterprise; World History
Bill Colvin
English III
V. P. Dalrymple
French I; English III; School Publications
Charlotte Dante
Art I, II, III; Arts and Crafts II

Billy Davis
Distributive Education; *Free Enterprise; Math*
Cora DeBurr
Speech I, II, III
Oreda DeBurr
Librarian
L. J. Fontenot
Resource Room, American History

Ouachita Teachers Are Two-Faced

"That ole hag." "I can't stand that biddy." Comments of this sort can be heard around other schools, but rarely at Ouachita.

Like other teachers, the Ouachita faculty is primarily concerned with the education of young people. But, unlike many of their colleagues, Ouachita's teachers don't stop at "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic." They get involved. "Down on the students' level is where you have to be in order to get to him," said Mr. Vines, a '76 addition to Ouachita's staff. "I don't want to force my thoughts on them," explained Mr. Jones. "I just want those kids to develop their own ideas."

Teachers also work with the students by voluntarily sponsoring clubs. Mrs. Wroten, sponsor of the Concerned Youth for Cerebral Palsy comments, "The main objective of the club is to raise money for cerebral palsied children, but I also enjoy the participation of the students."

To a stranger's eye, the faculty of Ouachita may look like regular paddle packers, but from a student's point of view they are totally different.

Annette Grafton
English II; Dandy Lions
Jean Greer
COE; Shorthand, Bookkeeping
Arthur M. Halbrook
English IV
Edward Harper
ROTC

Jo Hebert
Art II; Crafts; Art I; English II (1st semester)
Dorothy Hill
English III; Student Services
Janice Hill
English II, IV; Cheerleaders
Ernestine Howell
Guidance

Ron Inzer
Instrumental Music
Anne Johnson
English II, III
Billie Joiner
Psychology; American History
Bob Jones
Biology

Maryann Jones
Data Processing; Business Law
Lou Knight
Secretary
Warren Landrum
English II; Student Government
Carol Leblanc
P. E.; Dandy Lions

Teachers Earn Points for a Change

The faculty of Ouachita gathered up all their youth, coordination, and courage to play the winner of the intramural basketball games.

With bermuda shorts, high-top tennis shoes, and their favorite fishing hats, the "Ferocious Five" fought to the finish. The students of Ouachita didn't realize they had such star players among their teachers as "Calvin Natt" Armstrong, "Cul-pepper" Colvin, and "Maravich" Moncrief.

Even though many of the teachers have been out of high school for years, they tried to relive that time for one hour.

When asked about the game Coach Colvin replied, "Thank goodness it was only for one hour."

Thomas V. McEnery
ROTC I, II, III
Jewell McMurray
Librarian
Diana Mahannah
Typing I; Business
Keith Moncrief
Athletics; American History
Hazel Montgomery
Home Economics II, III, IV; Home and Family Living

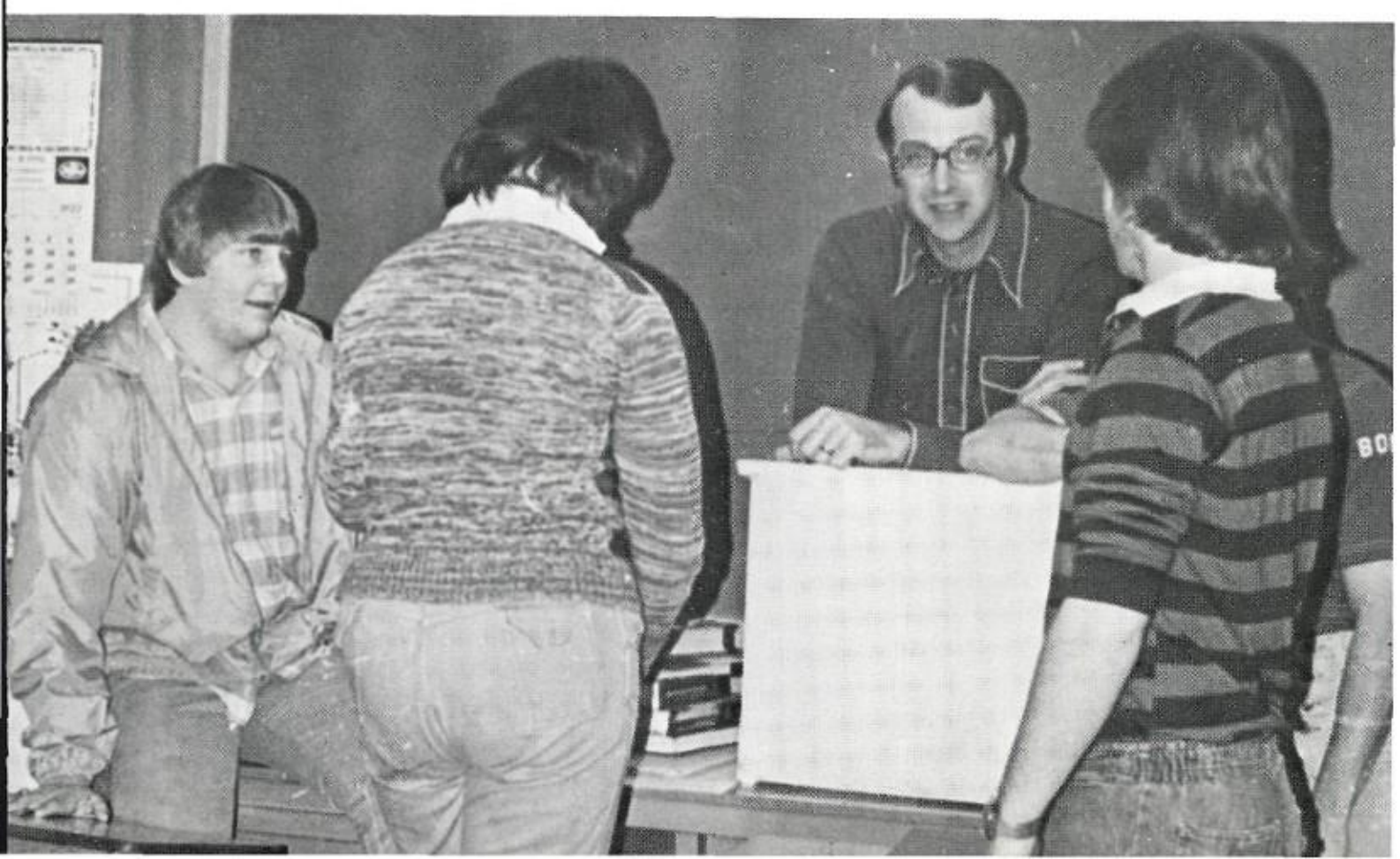
Lindsay Moorhead
Typing I; Business Math
John Perry
Physics
David Peske
Algebra II; Advanced Math
Jerry Roberts
Vocal Music
Oretha Robinson
Spanish; Free Enterprise

D. A. Ross
ROTC
I. E. Sanders
P. E.; Home and Family Living
Ronald Sasser
Chemistry I, II
George Searles
ROTC; Aerospace Science
Margie Schlosman
Speech I; English II

Jesse Spears
Math II; Algebra II
George Stadter
American History; English III
Marilyn Steen
Geometry; Algebra II
Ollie Taylor
P. E.
Sam Taylor
Algebra II; Geometry

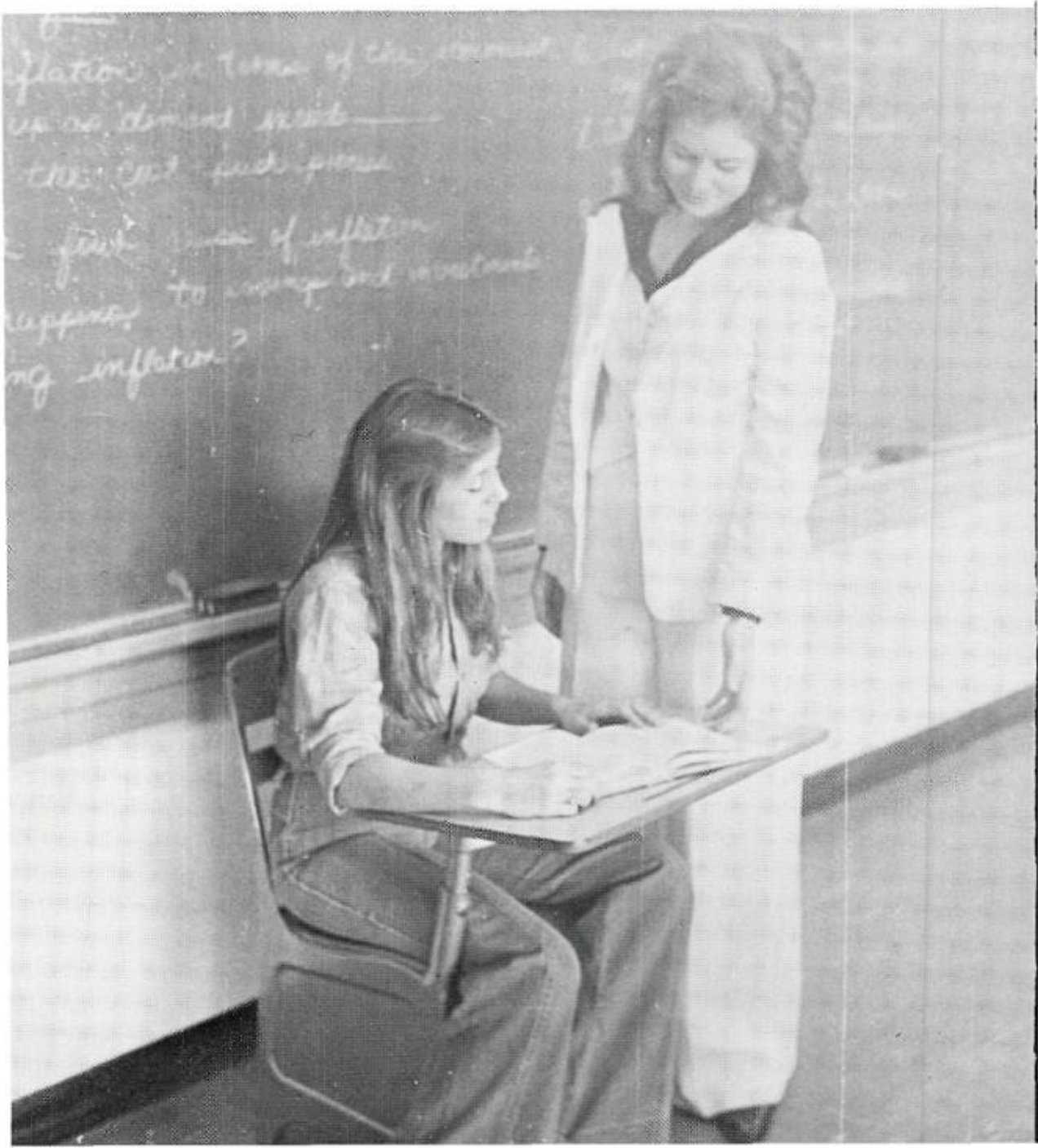
Kathy Tollett
Biology
Larry Ussery
P. E.; Athletics
James Vines
Math II
Paul VonDiezelski
Athletics; Free Enterprise
Willie Wafer
Secretary

Caressa Walker
Typing I; Business Machines
D. S. Welch
Typing II; Data Processing; Business Machines
Mrs. Rotina A. West
General Business; Business Math
E. M. Wooten
Bookkeeping and Accounting I, II
Cleo Wroten
Biology; Chemistry



LEFT: Coach Colvin and a few members of the MOB, discuss plans for the homecoming dance.

ABOVE: Miss Bethae has the attention of her Home Ec III students as she shows them the correct procedure of inserting a zipper. RIGHT: Miss Fogger helps Susie Knight clear up a problem in Home Ec.

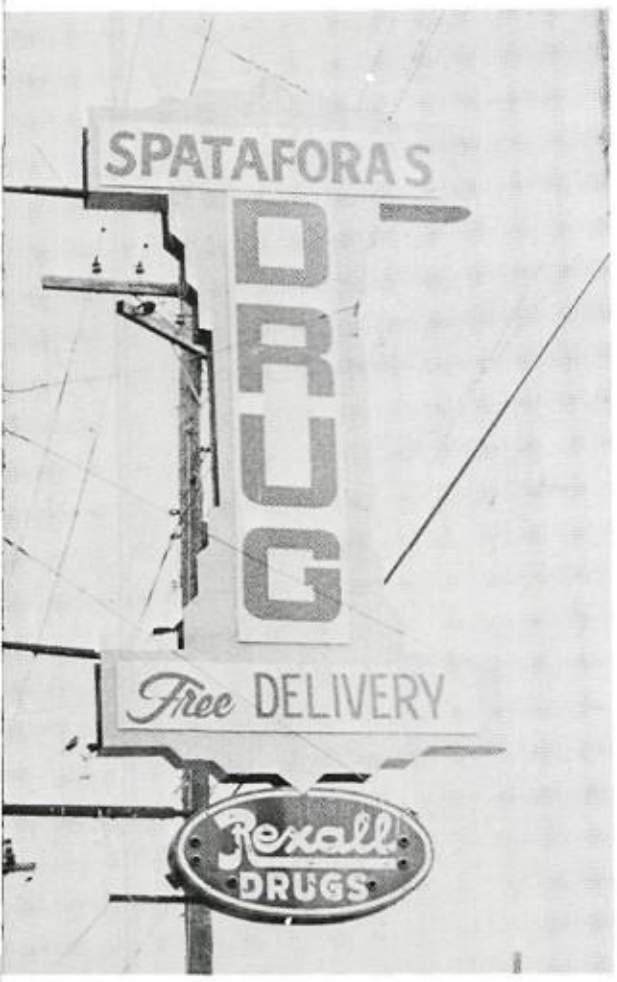


Students Learn by Teaching

"It's a long way from textbook theory to practical application," said Miss Jane Brown, a future home ec teacher. "And nobody realizes that like student teachers!" For the most part, education majors are calm, rational people until confronted with a classroom of diverse personalities and varying aptitudes. It is then that they must utilize all knowledge garnered from instruction and observation.

Student teaching offers advantages to everyone involved. It obviously provides the budding instructor with practical experience, but it exposes veteran teachers as well to new methods and updated information. Yet it is the pupil who reaps the largest benefit, that of a fresh approach to a sometimes stale subject.

A speech teacher hopeful, Miss Ava Brewster, arranged for her students to attend a play by award-winning Grambling student Judi Ann Mason. The latest chemistry techniques were displayed by Mr. Randy Hammett in an "entertaining and enlightening manner" according to one student. Several young educators agree that "Teaching has certainly been a learning experience."



TOP: Miss Brown smiles as raised eyebrows greet her wholly different approach to home economics.

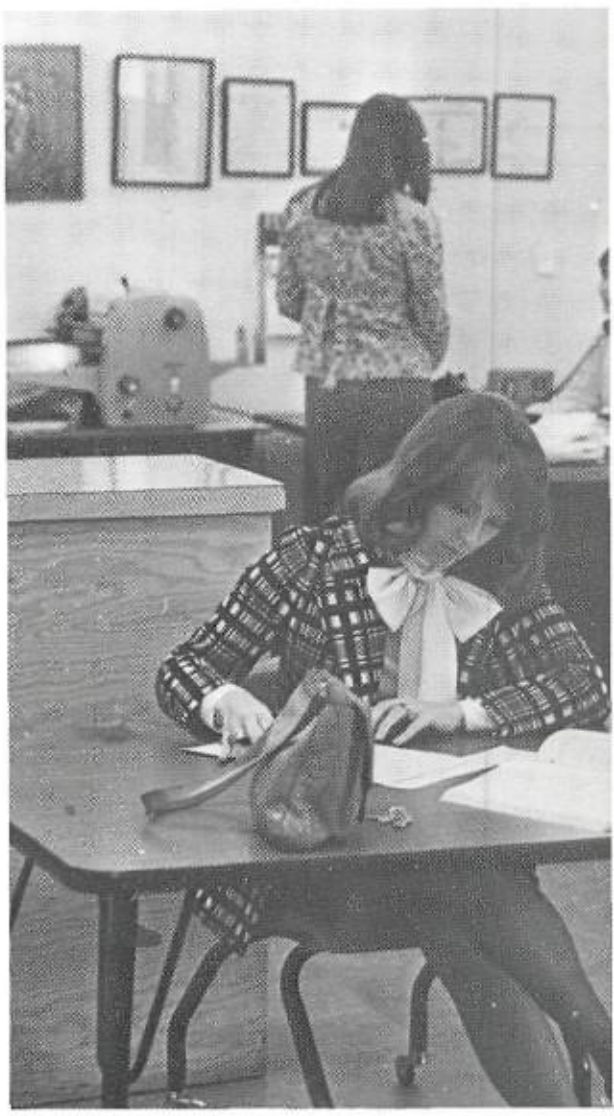
ABOVE: Spatafora's, commonly called Spat's, has all the advantages of a handy location, **1700 LOUISVILLE AVE.**, and free delivery. For added convenience and service phone in your orders at **323-0371. SPATAFORA'S REXALL DRUGS** is a sure sign that you're getting quality medicines.

Room 105
Is for Students' Service

"OH, NO! I can't find my Psychology book anywhere!" exclaimed Tina James. "Go to 105 and check lost and found," replied Cathy Swihart.

Room 105, Student Services, is the answer to most students needs at school. Someone is always checking in or out of school or getting an absentee excuse approved.

"It's easy to see why it is called Student Services; the place is always full of kids," said Marty Fisher.



ABOVE: Tommy Thompson signs his name on the check-out list in order to leave school for an appointment. ABOVE RIGHT: Renne Eppinette records the daily absentee list as part of her duties as a Student Service aid. RIGHT: Janis Hill and Dorothy Hill find 105 a convenient place to prepare lessons.

LEFT: Chief Ross awaits the arrival of students in the resource room. BELOW: Chief Searles works on daily reports while students complete their assignments.

Students Solve Problems on Their Own Resources

"Sitting in the resource room is certainly no fun," said one student after completing the work he was assigned. "I've never done this much work in all my life," said another.

Students report to the resource room as one method of discipline for office suspension and unruly conduct. Here, under the supervision of Chief Ross and Chief Searles, they are isolated from the other students to make up the work they are missing.

The resource room allows a student to be in school and remain a part of the educational process while not disturbing others. Students in the resource room eat lunch between lunch shifts and must stay in the room at all other times. Chief Searles said, "I think the resource room has proven beneficial in reducing discipline problems considerably."

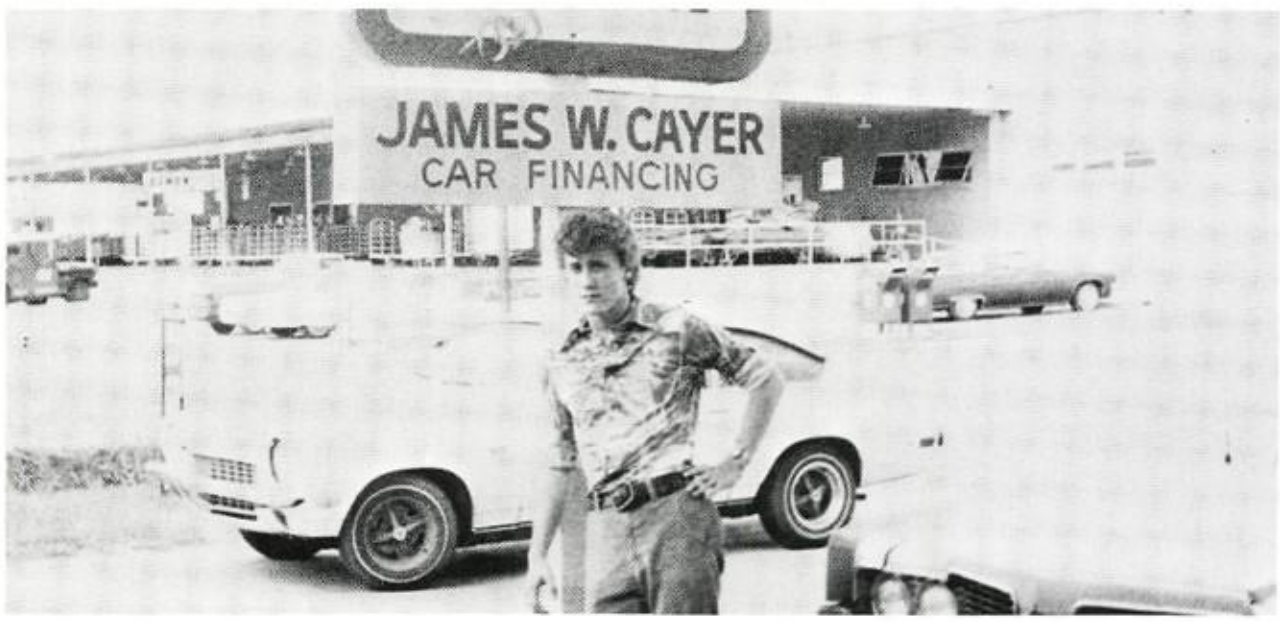
Advertising Insures Good Business

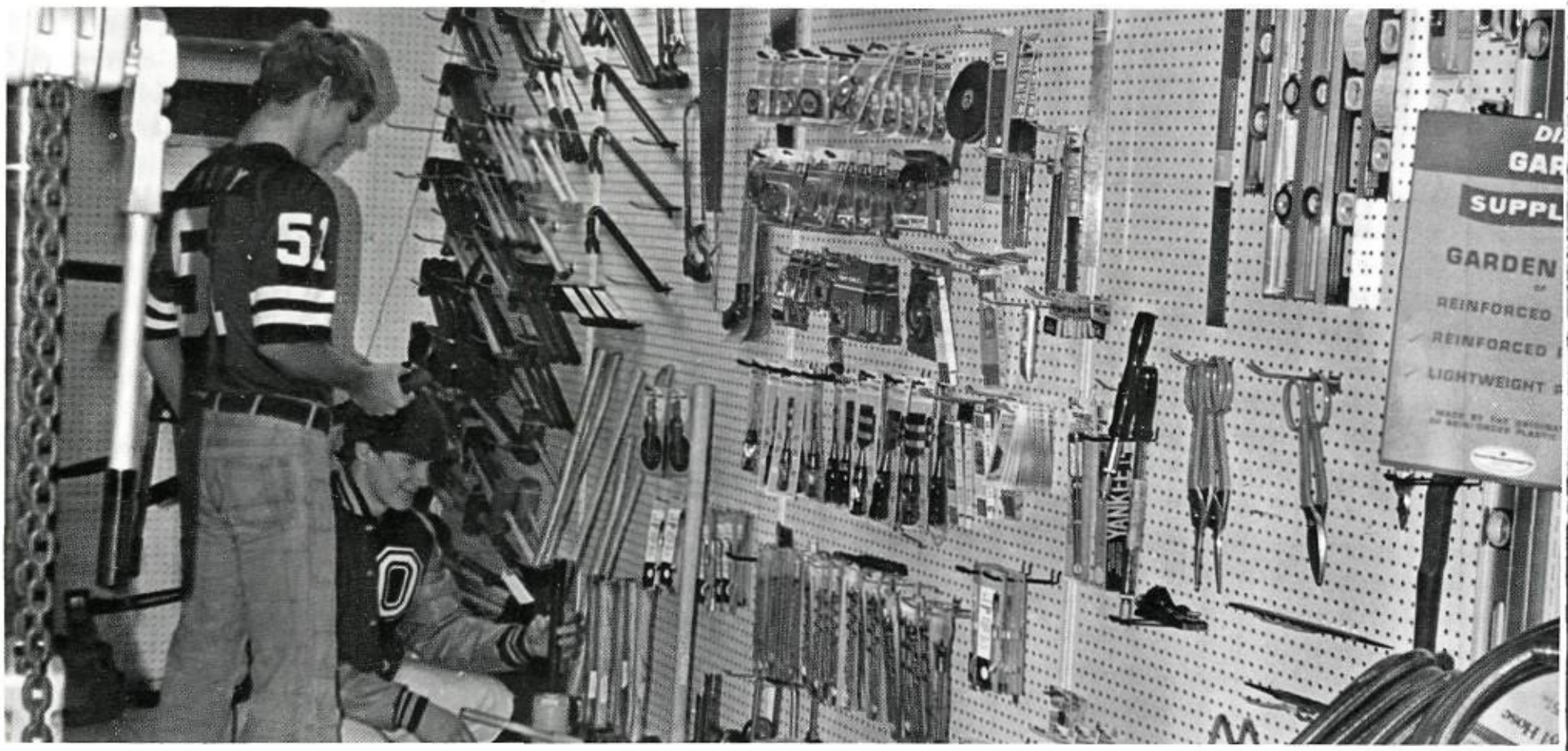
RIGHT: Tina James and Kathy Swihart get into some shifty business at **SPEED WORLD, LOUISVILLE AVENUE.** Stocking high performance parts and supplies, Speed World can give your car the edge on the street or track. Come by or call Speed World at **323-3209** where they "sell speed."

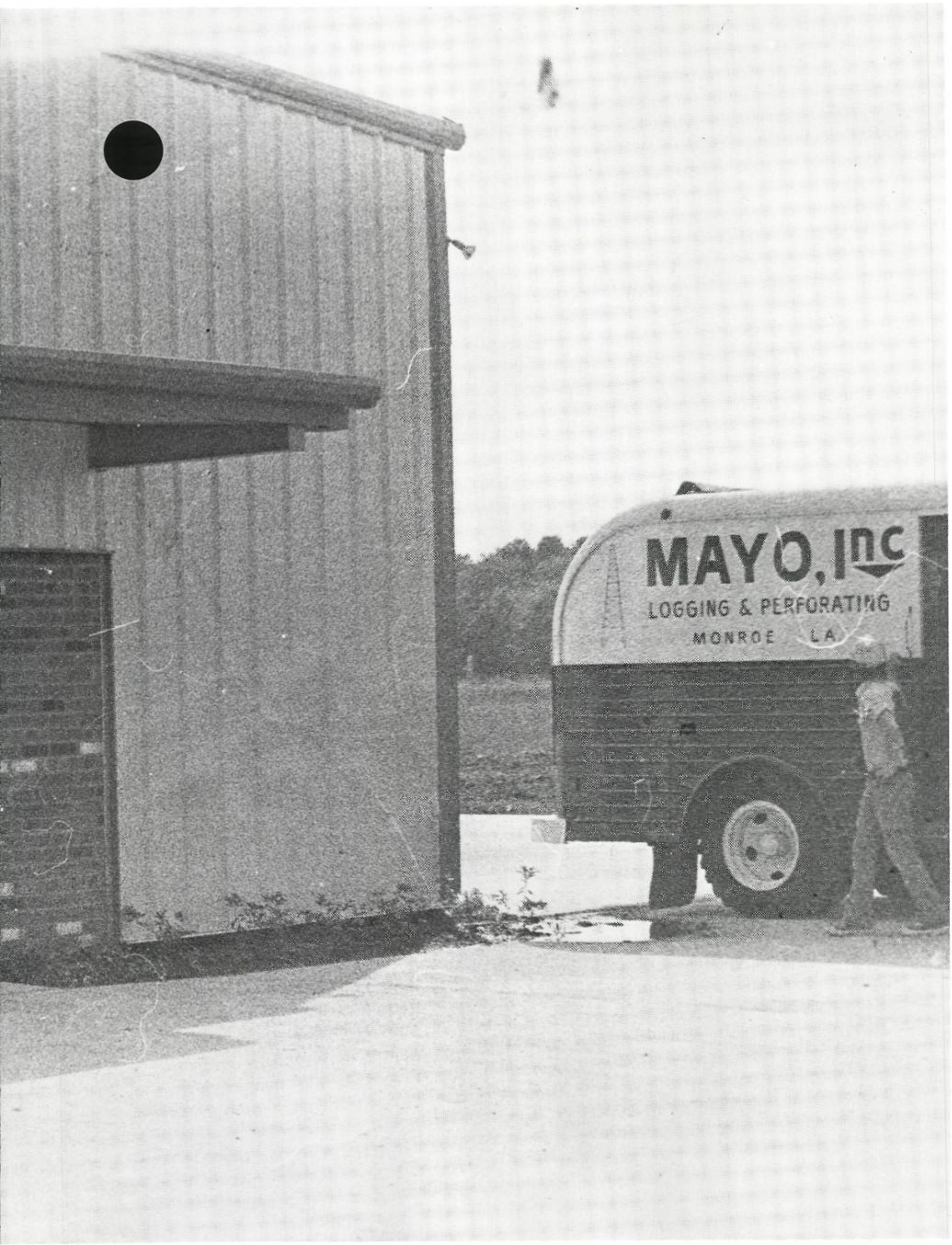
FAR RIGHT: Rex Dillingham checks out the modern equipment at **MAYO INC.** Located at **4212 STERLINGTON ROAD,** Mayo uses only the newest equipment on drilling. With their radioactive logging recorder, Mayo can precisely locate oil and gas. But locating the well is only half the job. After it is found, Mayo "blows the holes" to open the reservoir. Call Mayo, **343-0822**; It's a gas.

BELOW: **STATE FARM AGENT JAMES W. CAYER,** lends Barry Lee support for car financing. The good neighbor, located at **409 SHERIDAN,** can cover all insurance from auto to life. Call Mr. Cayer at **323-0521** where making deals on wheels is his business.

BOTTOM: Tim Manley and Bud Morgan select the right tools from **SOUTHERN HARDWARE, 108-110 WALNUT.** They have tools, nails, screws, and any hardware supplies for the regular handyman or the professional business contractor.



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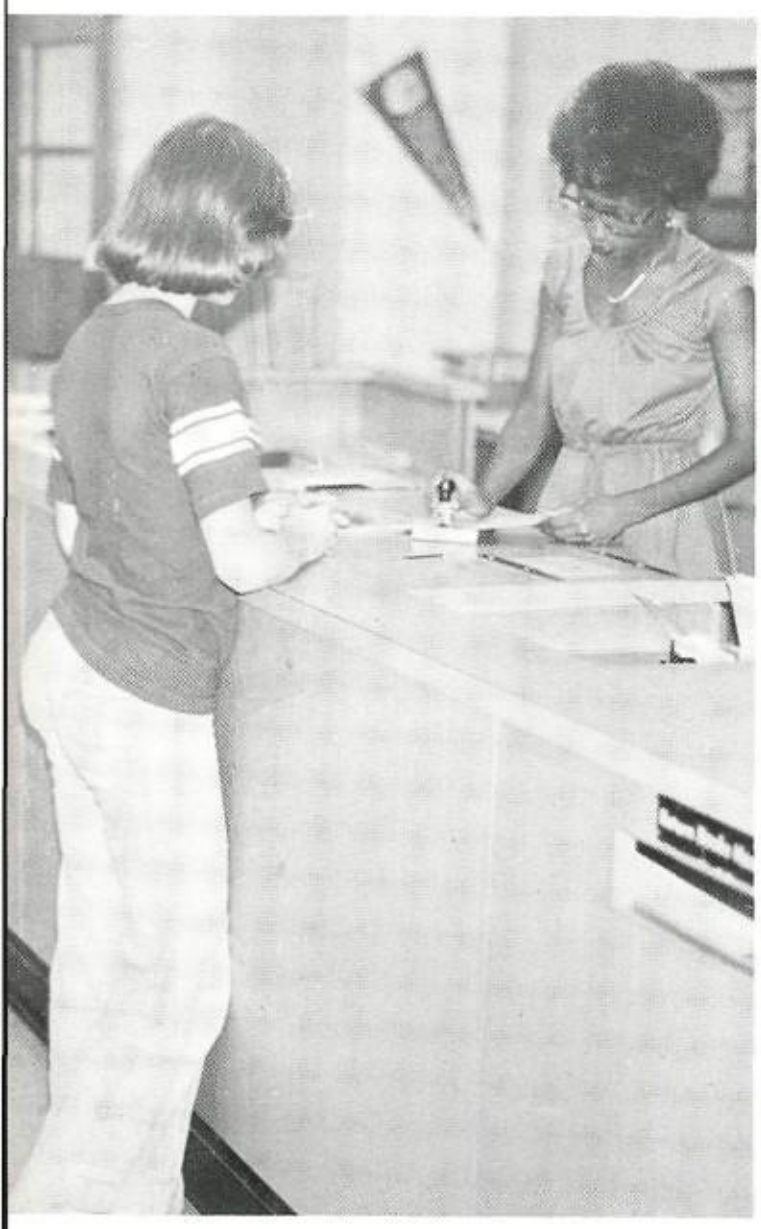
Penthouse, Playboy, and Oui are three of the few publications not found in the Ouachita library, although the shelves are well-stacked. The librarians keep the shelves updated by subscribing to over thirty-five periodicals.

Many students enter the library just to read the latest issue of their favorite magazine. This year, Ouachita students do not have to read them "the old-fashioned way." For the first time magazines can be read electronically. A new microfiche reader is available. This process enables more than one student to read a magazine at once, saves storage space, and permits the librarians to keep magazines for a longer time.

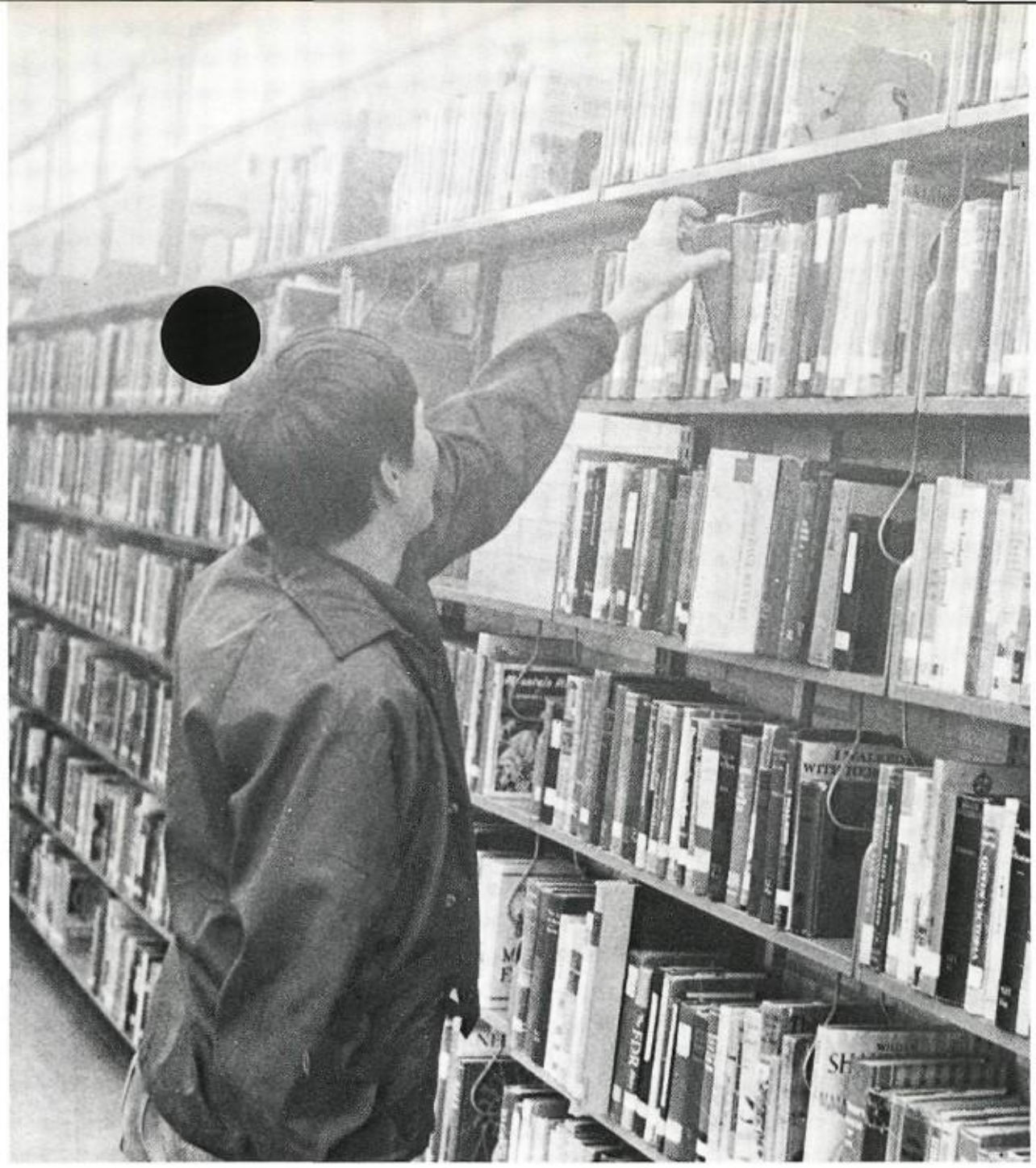
But periodicals are not the only student interests in the library. Books remain popular. Betty Cavannah fans, and Kurt Vonnegut followers constantly search the library for a newly-published book.

To make reading even more interesting the library has added "learning bags" containing a paperback book and cassette. Students may read the book then use the cassette for a brief review, or use the tape alone as a summary of the book.

Whether it's for the issues or the answers, the Ouachita library is stacked with knowledge.



ABOVE LEFT: Nancy Batson checks out a *novel needed for her term paper from Miss* Johnson, the para-professional librarian. ABOVE: Miss Jewell McMurray demonstrates electronic magazine reading using microfiche reader in the library.



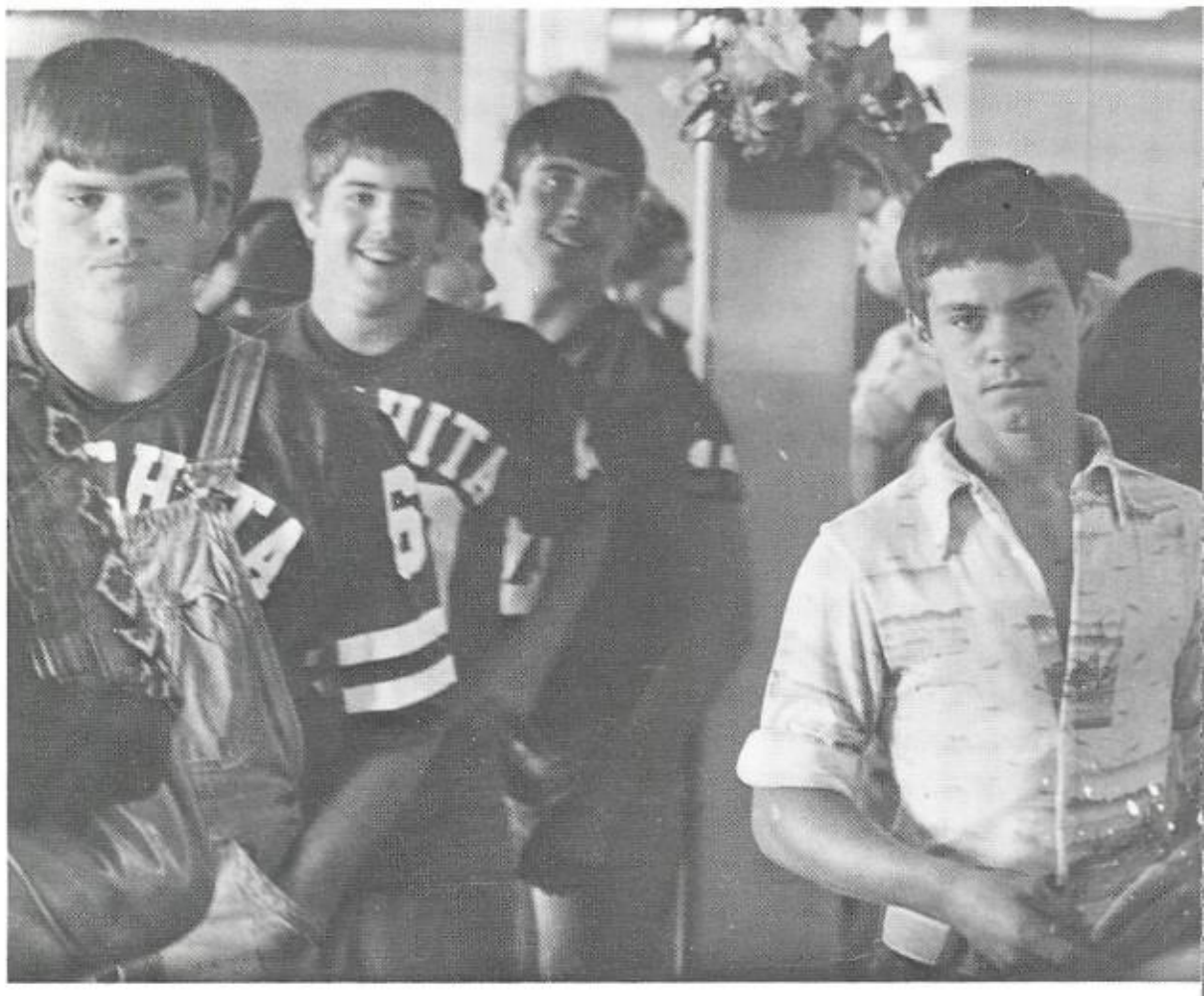
ABOVE: Rhonda Smith explores newly-arrived learning bags in the library. TOP LEFT: From 16,000 books, Jimmy Scott selects the biography he needs to complete his research paper. LEFT: Taking advantage of the well stacked magazine shelves, Tommy Lewis browses through his favorite publication.

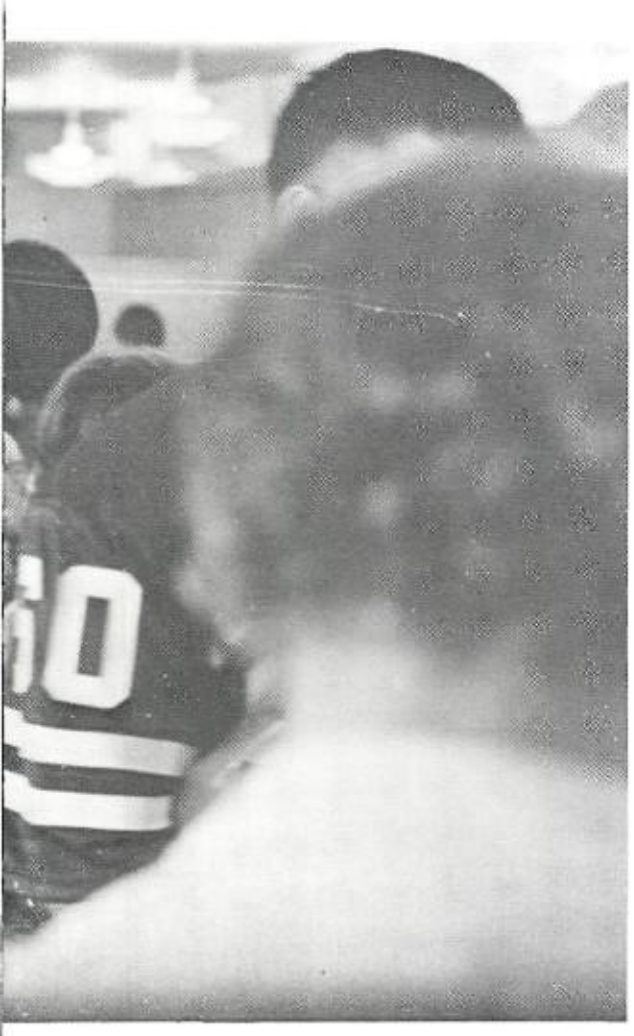
Cafeteria Quiets Roaring Lion Hunger

If you want a hamburger, some pizza, or red beans and rice, then dining in the Ouachita cafeteria is for you.

Cafeteria workers try hard to please faculty and students with well-balanced meals. The workers also keep the whole cafeteria as clean as possible. With all the pressures of students talking from every direction the ladies are still very hospitable and occasionally crack jokes with students.

Like the canteen, the cafeteria is for the students to take out a few minutes to relax, enjoy a good meal, and talk with friends.





Janitoring Is One Accident After Another

Broken bottles, scattered candy paper, and spilled India ink are just a few of the messes faced by the janitorial staff during a usual work day.

Unlike the faculty and student body of Ouachita, the janitors did not work on an 8:15 to 3:15 schedule. It takes them a little longer to scrape up half-chewed gum and to replace windows broken by immature loiterers. The staff arrives at school early and begins work immediately. When the students of Ouachita leave, the janitorial staff is still busy cleaning the school.

"Go get Mr. Sharbono. He can fix it." Mr. Sharbono and his staff are depended on by the students and faculty of Ouachita when they are faced with messy situations.

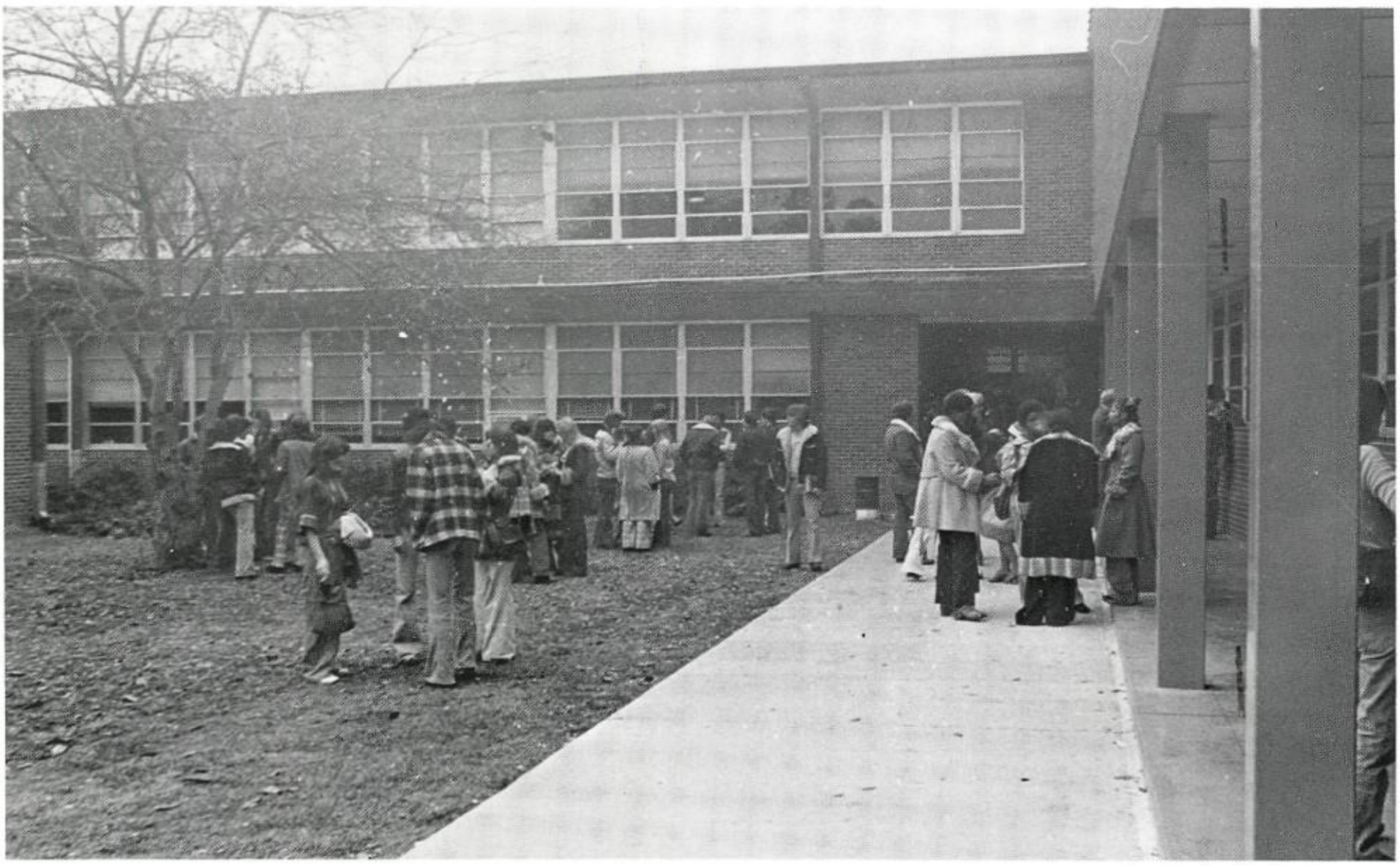
FAR LEFT TOP: Making sure things don't get out of hand Dora Washington cautiously hands Karen Crim her lunch plate. FAR LEFT BOTTOM: The offensive line of the mighty Lion football team takes advantage of the nutritious meals served in the cafeteria. TOP: After the second lunch shift ends Mrs. Nola Johnson cleans the canteen for the next day's canteen rush. RIGHT: Cleaning window screens, ordinarily a spring cleaning activity, is done weekly in the Ouachita Cafeteria by Mrs. Lula Gilbert.

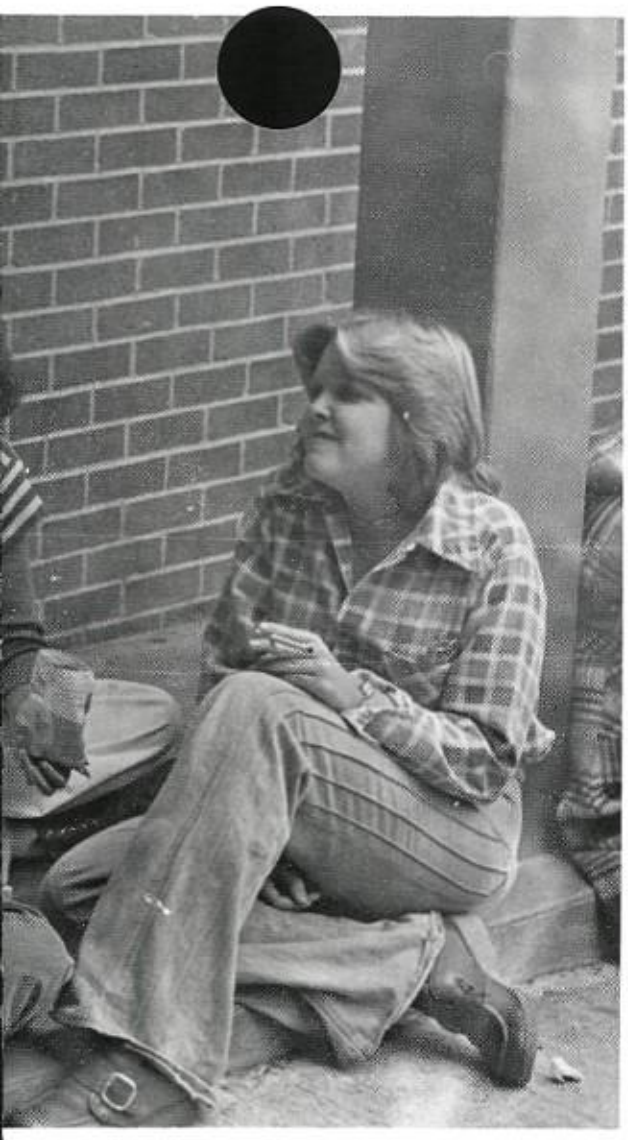
Students Drag Around the Smoking Area

"Hey man, got a light?" "Oh no! I'm out of Marlboros!" The area beside the auditorium smoked with comments like these. Every day, whether pouring down rain, or sunny and hot, people gathered outside to be with friends and enjoy their smoking privilege.

Students almost lost these privileges early in the year because of their carelessness in keeping the area clean. Word was sent from the office that if not tidied up, the smoking area would be closed; no ifs, ands, or butts. With this threat hovering overhead like a dingy cloud, fellow smokers joined to straighten up the area.

Although shunned by most, and only tolerated by music students who had to cross it daily, the smoking area remained a popular gathering place for those who couldn't wait until after school for another smoke.





BELOW: First lunch shift filled the canteen with noisy students during the school year. BOTTOM: John Sanderson, Country Sanderson, and Billy Nubles linger among the debris after the bell to finish their drinks. BOTTOM LEFT: Groups of friends fill Ouachita's smoking area discussing last night's concert or the weekend parties. LEFT: Taking that last drag and eating the final potato chip, Cindy Oglesbee, Lisa Norris, Janet Justice, and Tammie Benefield relax before going to fourth period.

Junk Foods Rule

As one approaches the end of the north wing, laughter emerges from a large room. Straight ahead, students scatter everywhere, cramming candy into their mouths, and gulping soft drinks. Being very careful not to trip over small cliques formed on the floor, one might be able to fight his way through to the candy counter.

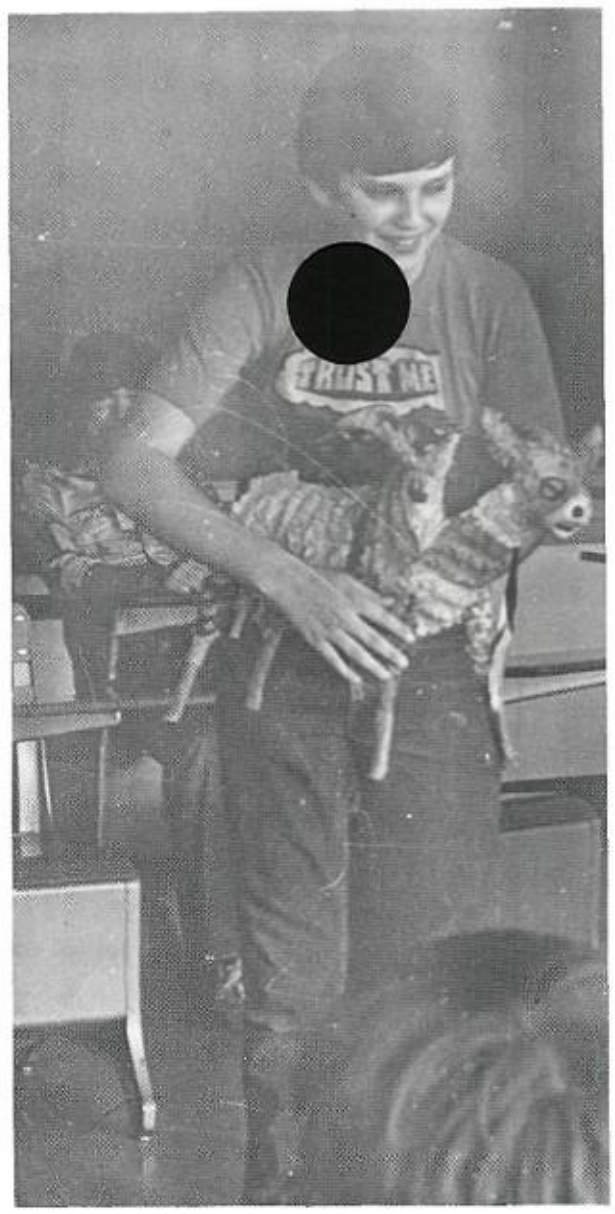
"Get me some M&M's!" "You kids quit breaking line!" Constant laughter and talking fill the canteen. Each lunch shift students pile into the canteen and scrape up enough money to purchase junk foods from one of the teachers helping sell snacks.

The canteen offers a place for students to take a break from school work and to converse with friends. "It's a crazy place, but I enjoy going to the canteen at lunch," says Carla Bingham.

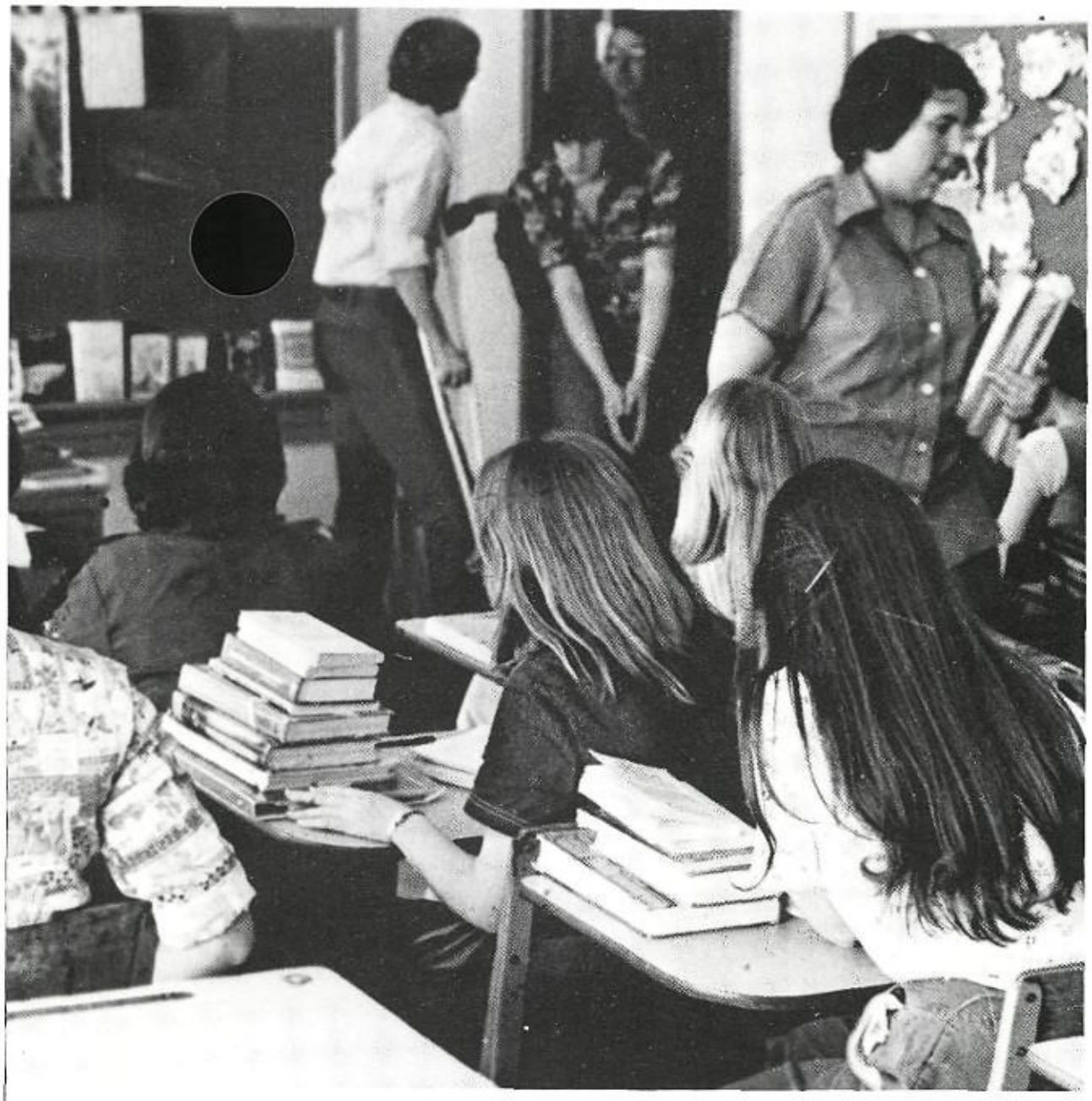
Foreign Language Students Study Life Styles

Foreign language classes are not just a study of languages, but the cultures and backgrounds of the countries and the people in them.

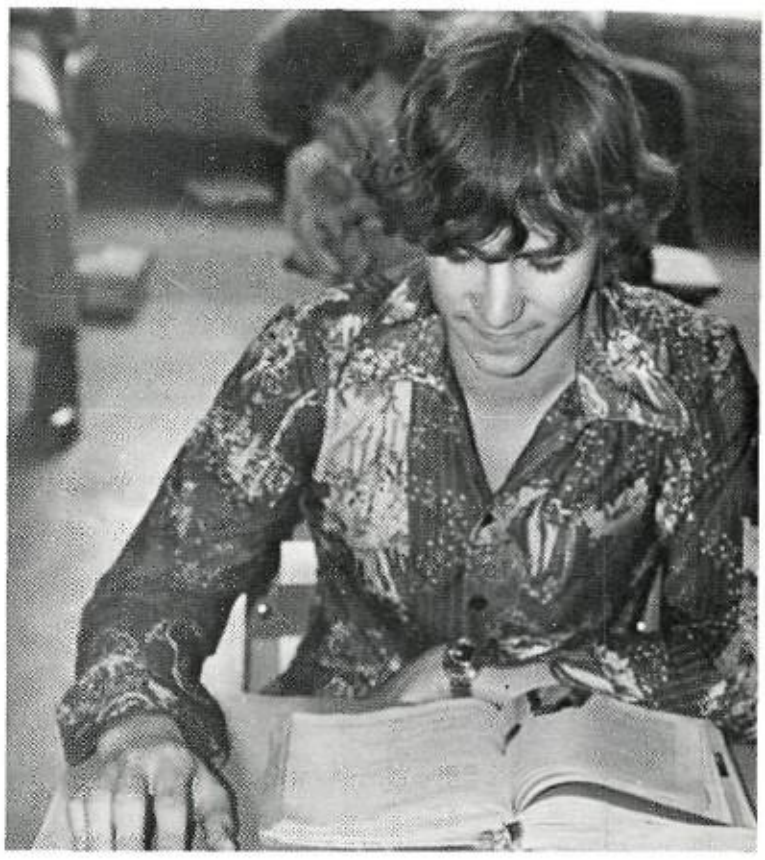
Under the instruction of V. P. Dalrymple and Oretha Robinson the classes broadened students' minds to a better understanding of other people and other ways of life.



TOP: A Spanish student demonstrates a pinata to his class. RIGHT: Carolyn Hogg, Dawn Hudson, and Paula Murphy celebrate Christmas a la France.



LEFT: Desks piled high with books are evidence of the work done by senior English students. BELOW: Marty Day memorizes a difficult quotation from Julius Caesar.



English Classes Are Meaning-ful

"Whether you like it or not, you think in words, so you had better learn to use them!" For years, cries like this have issued from the lips of English teachers. But at Ouachita, English drops its repetitious "verb, noun, and punctuation" approach and seeks to provide students insight as to why English is important.

English teachers mingle fun with work and pay personal attention to each student in an attempt to make English a meaningful and useful language. Students are given the privilege of expressing ideas and thoughts freely in the classroom via oral and written reports, themes, and stories.

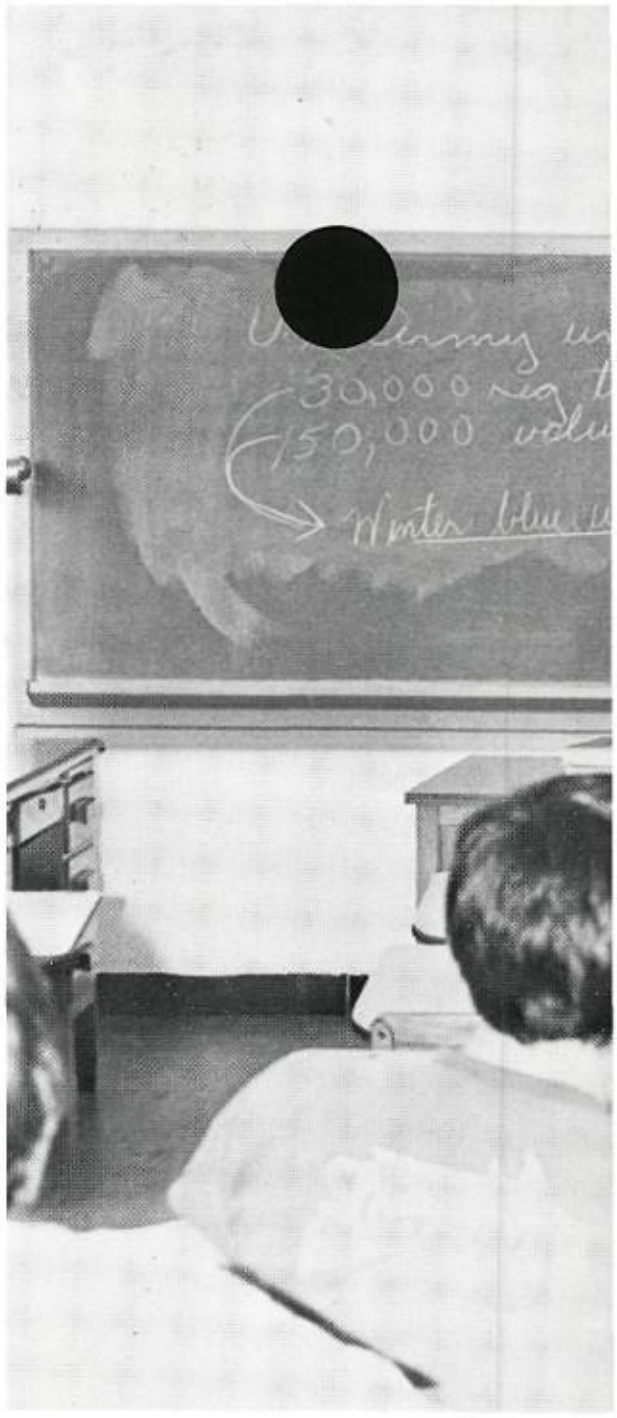
Ouachita's English teachers fully agree with Mrs. Schlosman, who states, "Whenever anything is written or anything is read, it means ideas are being communicated from one person to another; and where would we be without communication?"

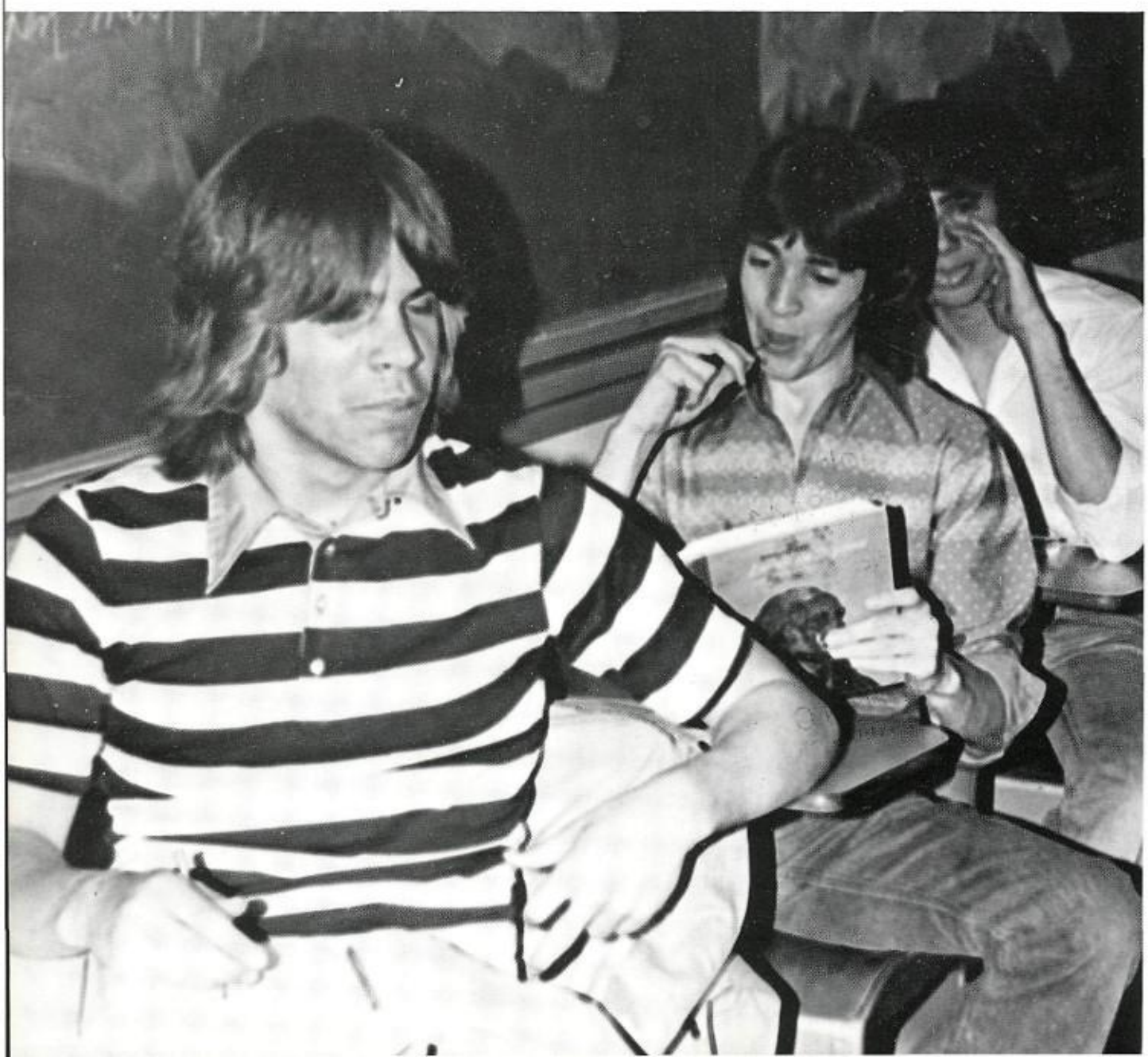
Fun Is Part of Ouachita History

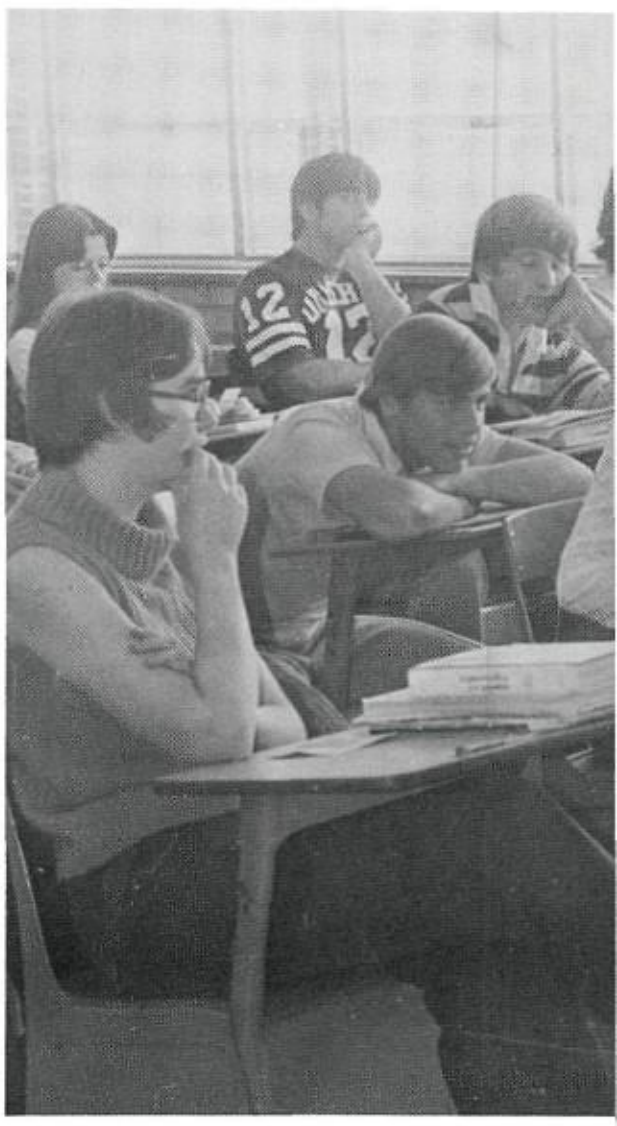
"The dates I want you to remember are . . ." Statements starting out like this are the most dreaded words ever to come out of the mouth of any social studies teachers, except for those at Ouachita. Dull, dry, note taking and memorization bother most students. At Ouachita, however, this is not the rule.

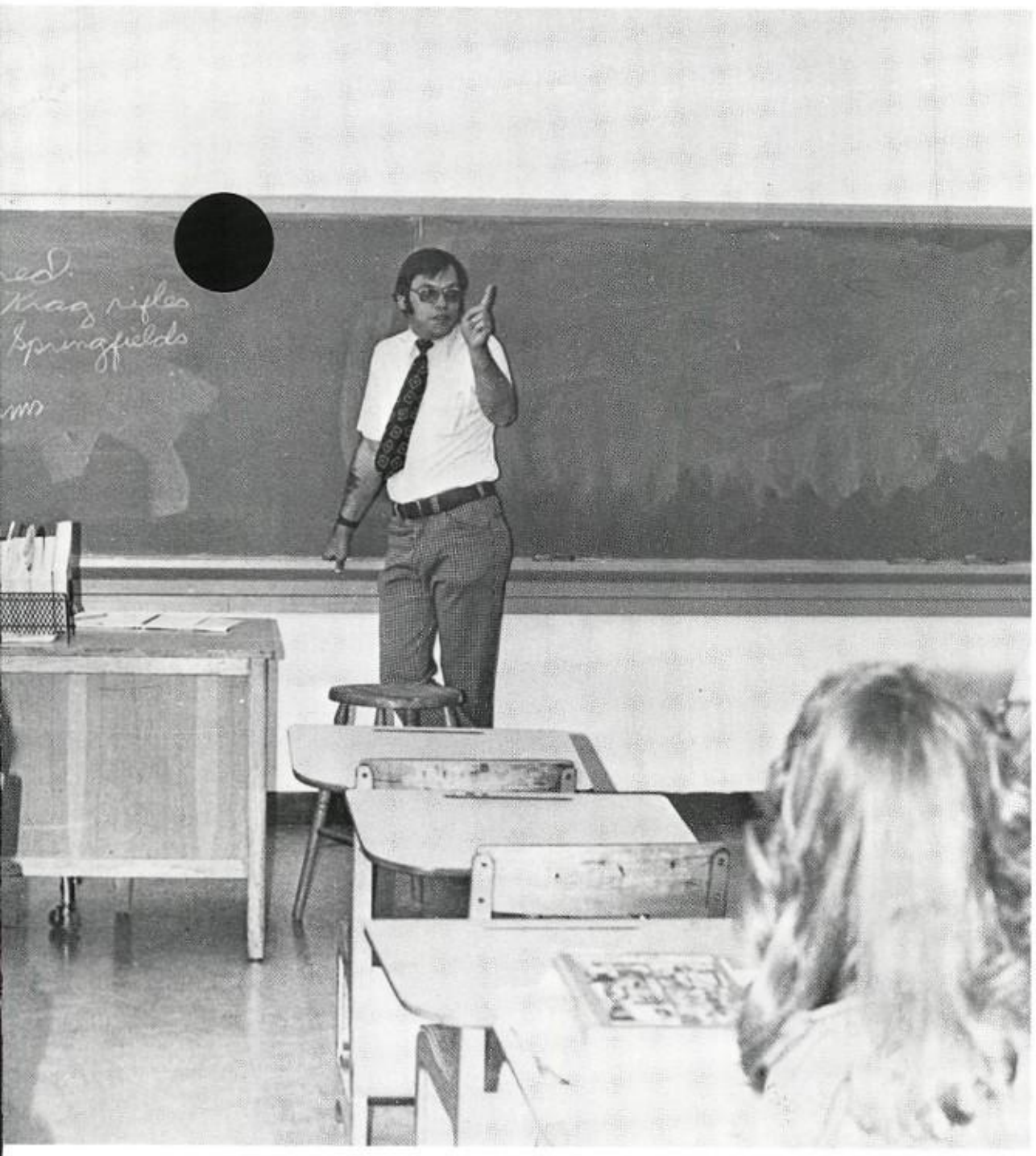
Research and group discussions delve into the past and the present as a major part of Ouachita's social studies classes. Skits and special programs put on by students add interest and entertain as well. Miss Joiner, American history teacher, has special "fun chapters" set aside for such activities.

Whatever discomforts may be suffered by students in the course of social studies are minimized by both student and faculty effort.

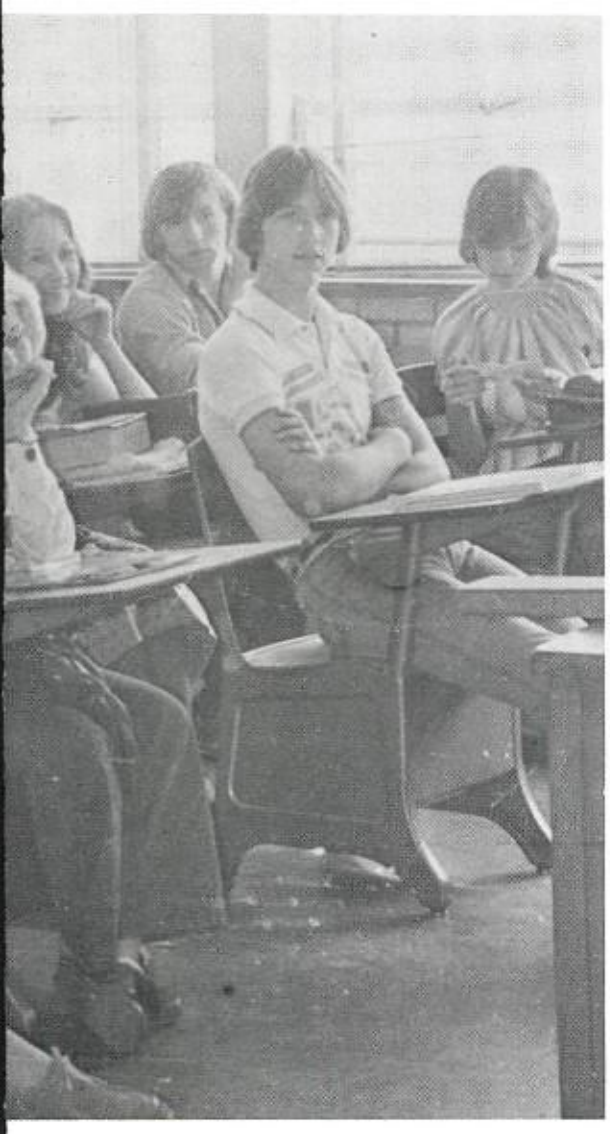


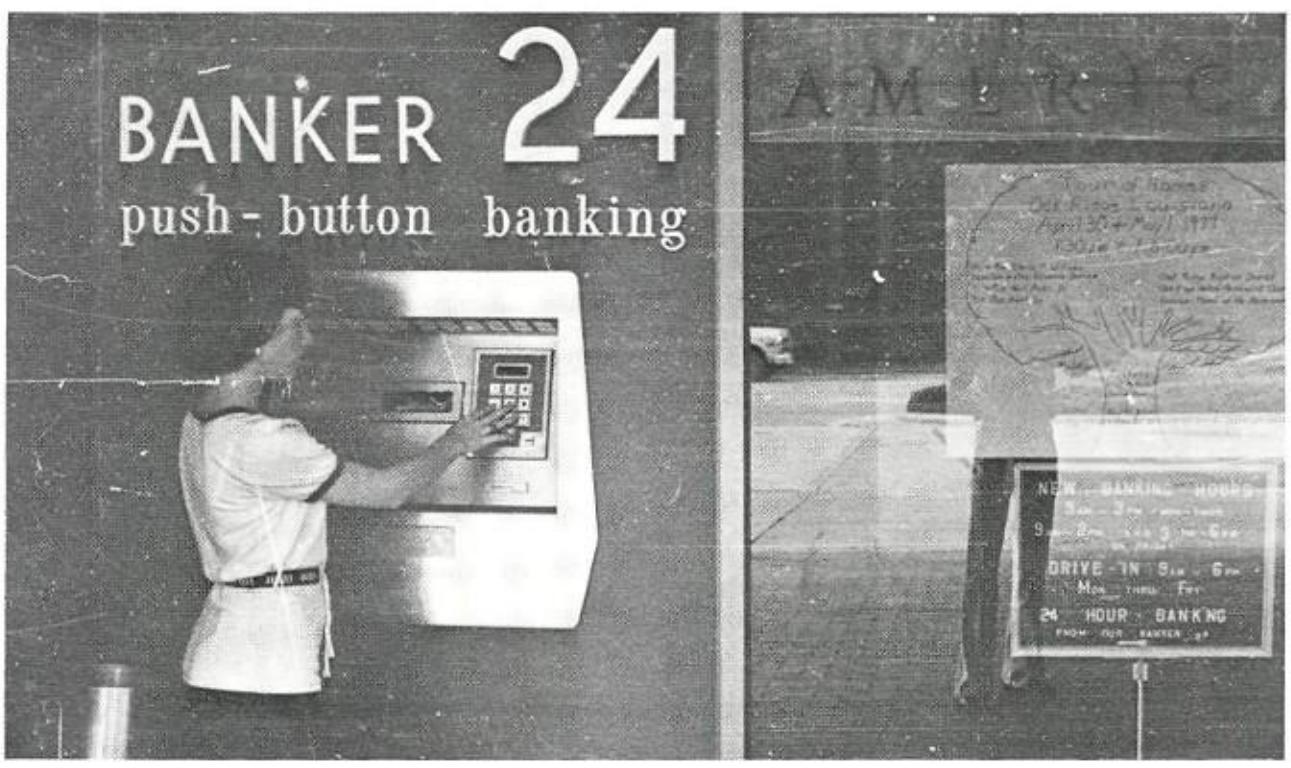




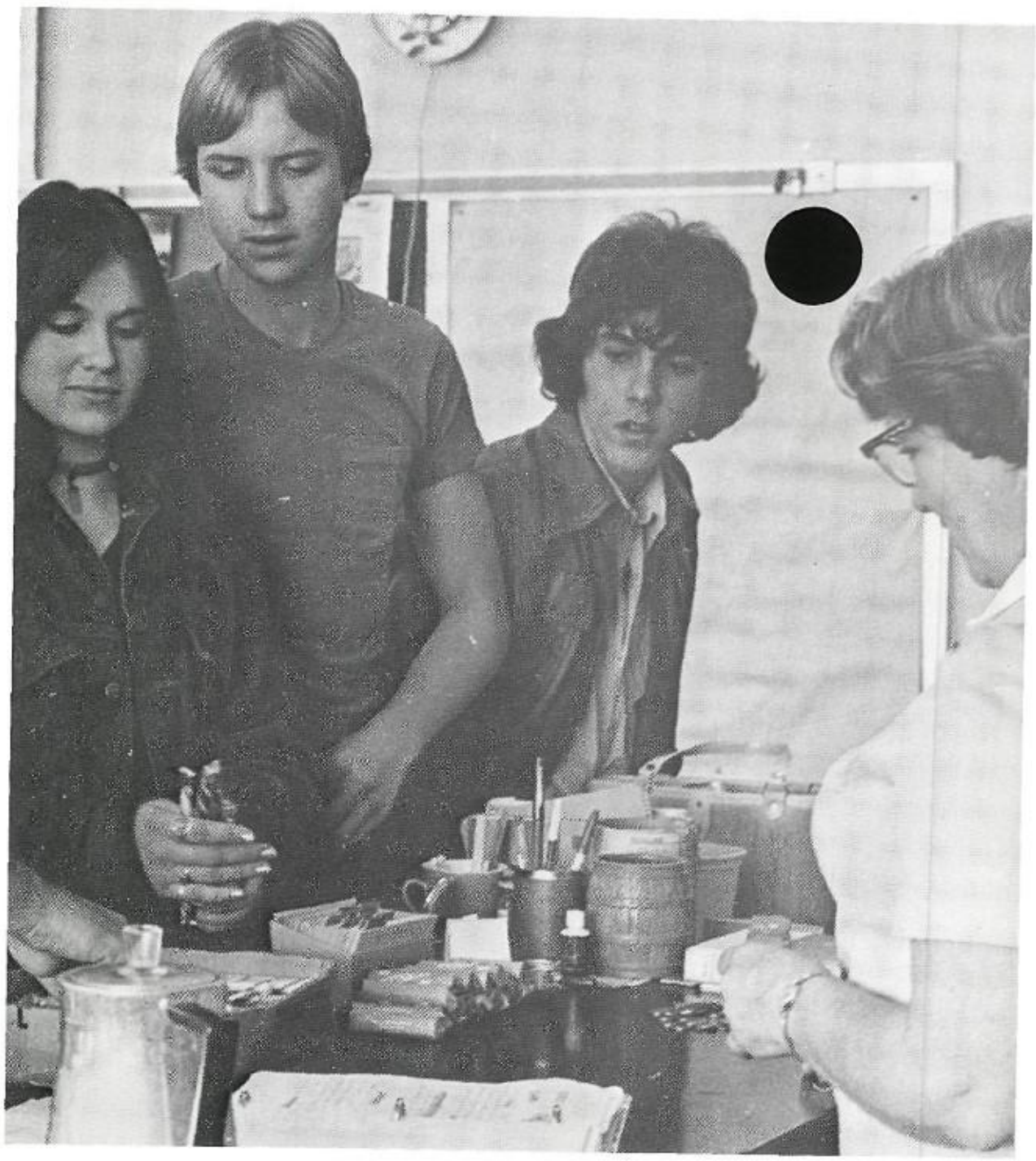


LEFT: Stressing American disadvantages, Mr. Stadter points out deciding factors in the Spanish-American War. BELOW LEFT: Scott Covington, Willie Guess, and Scott Glover find time to horse around after an American history test. BELOW CENTER: Students like these in Coach VonDiezelski's third period were displeased with the change in graduation requirements that added a new course, Free Enterprise.

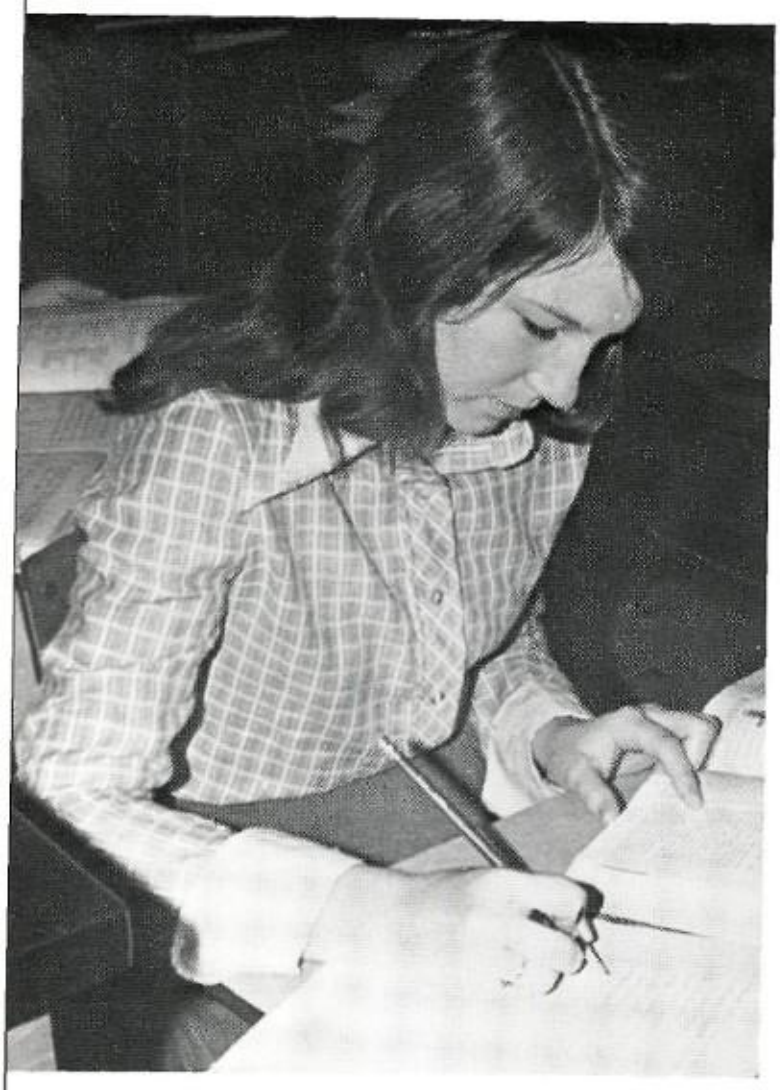


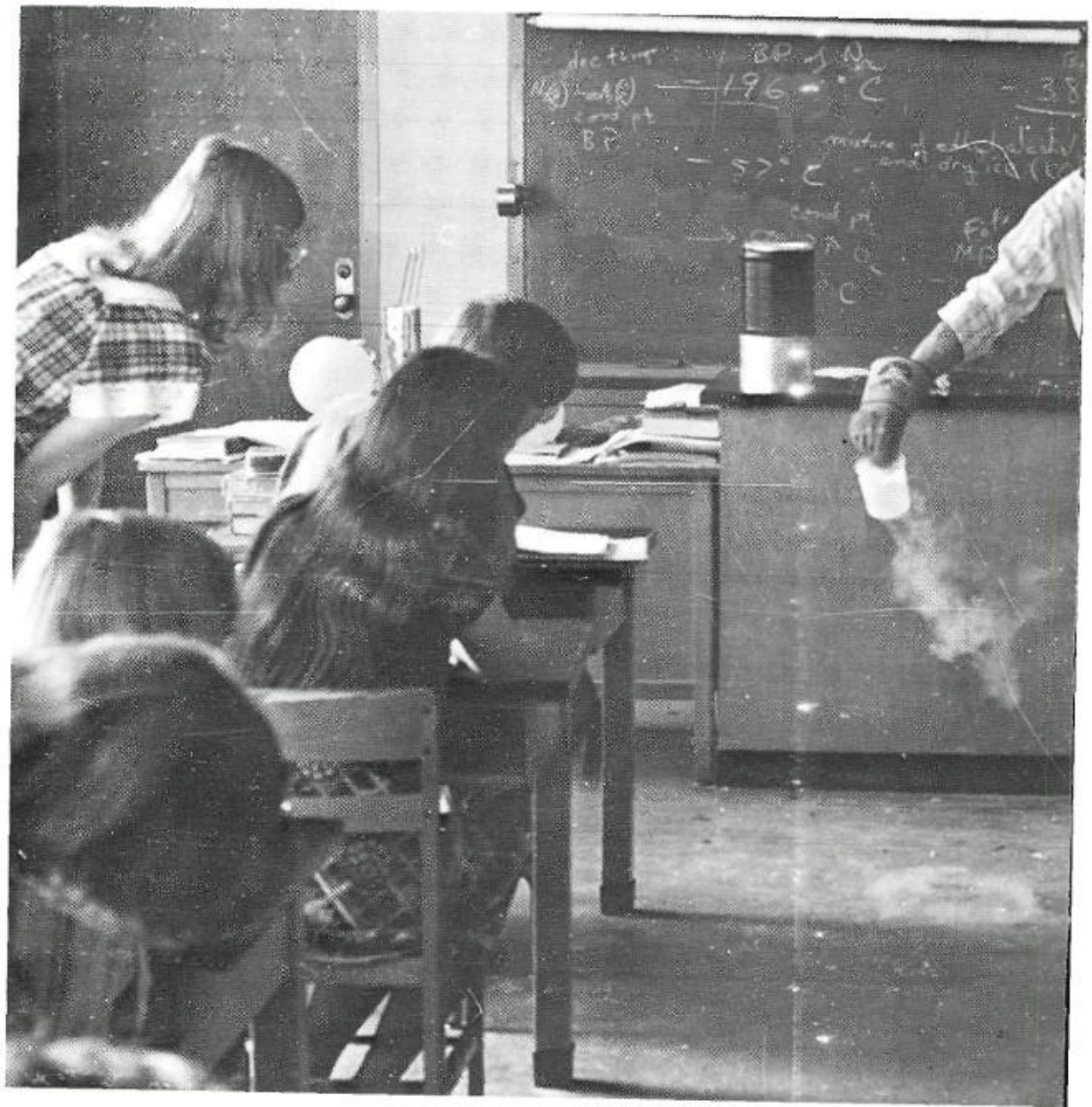


Debbie Ivy, a busy Ouachita student, doesn't have to rush to the bank during banking hours. She can withdraw money anytime of the day or night with Banker 24 at **AMERICAN BANK.** And so can you at any of the American Bank offices, **1500 NORTH 18th, 2103 NORTH 7th WEST MONROE,** and **601 STERLINGTON ROAD.**



RIGHT: Mrs. Wroten watches the hands of candy-hungry students in her 5th period biology class. FAR RIGHT: Mrs. Tollett passes out Biology work sheets for a new chapter on amphibians. BELOW RIGHT: Mr. Sasser boils some liquid nitrogen by pouring it on the floor. BELOW: Sophomore Connie Laffoon pin points the answer to a biology question in Mr. Jones room.





Science Opens Students' Eyes

Science is more than strikes the pupil, as many students find out after enrolling the course. Hard work and one's whole attention are required for this curriculum as experiments and theories probe deep into scientific concepts.

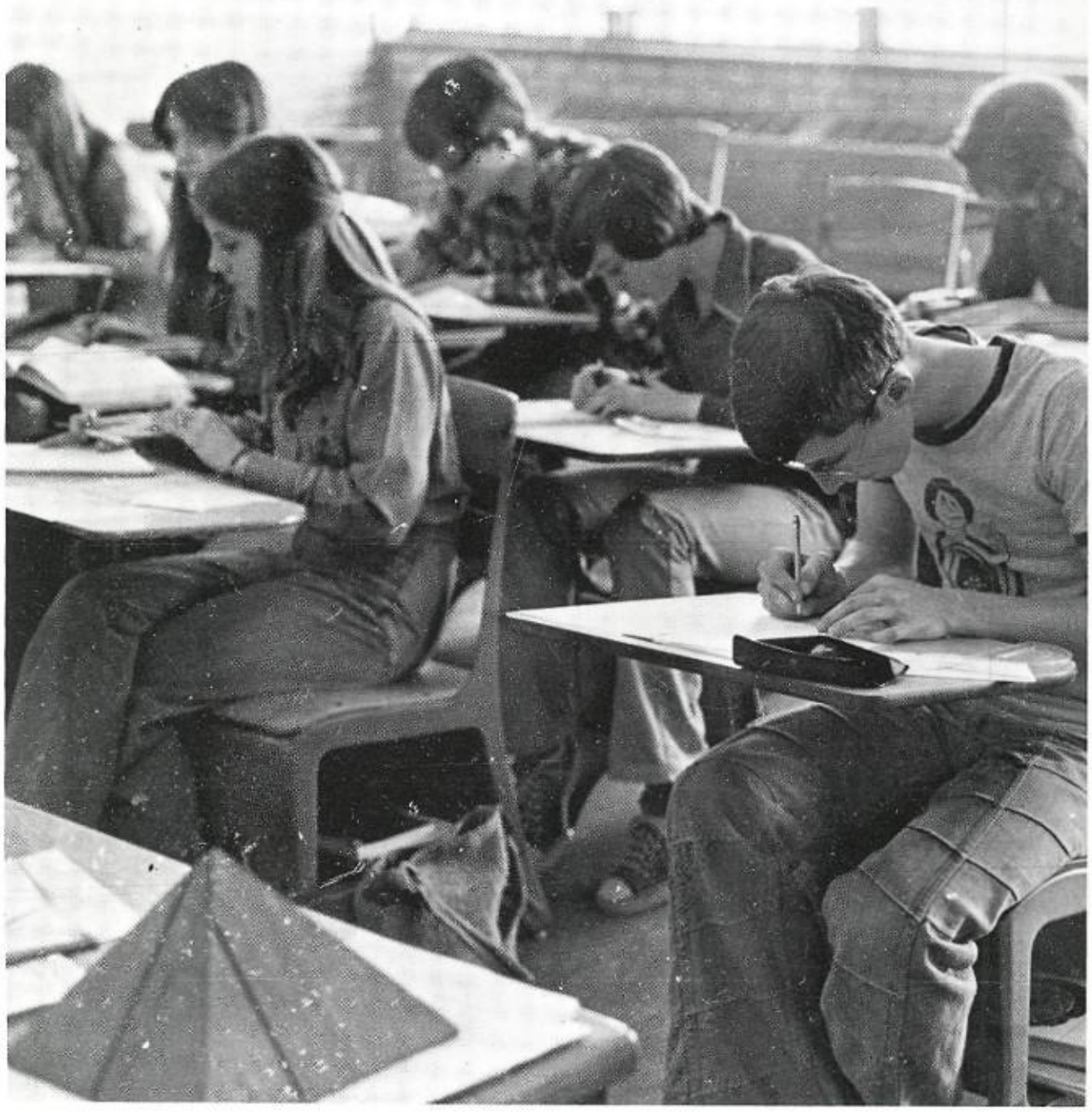
Students are exposed to the unique qualities of science as math and logic are complementary to science itself. Experiments add touches of excitement to the subjects by allowing science students to test hypotheses and record results for themselves.

Special science seminars held at NLU are attended by selected Ouachita students. These conferences are designed for extra in-depth study of science and prove to students that science is more than test tubes and studying frogs.

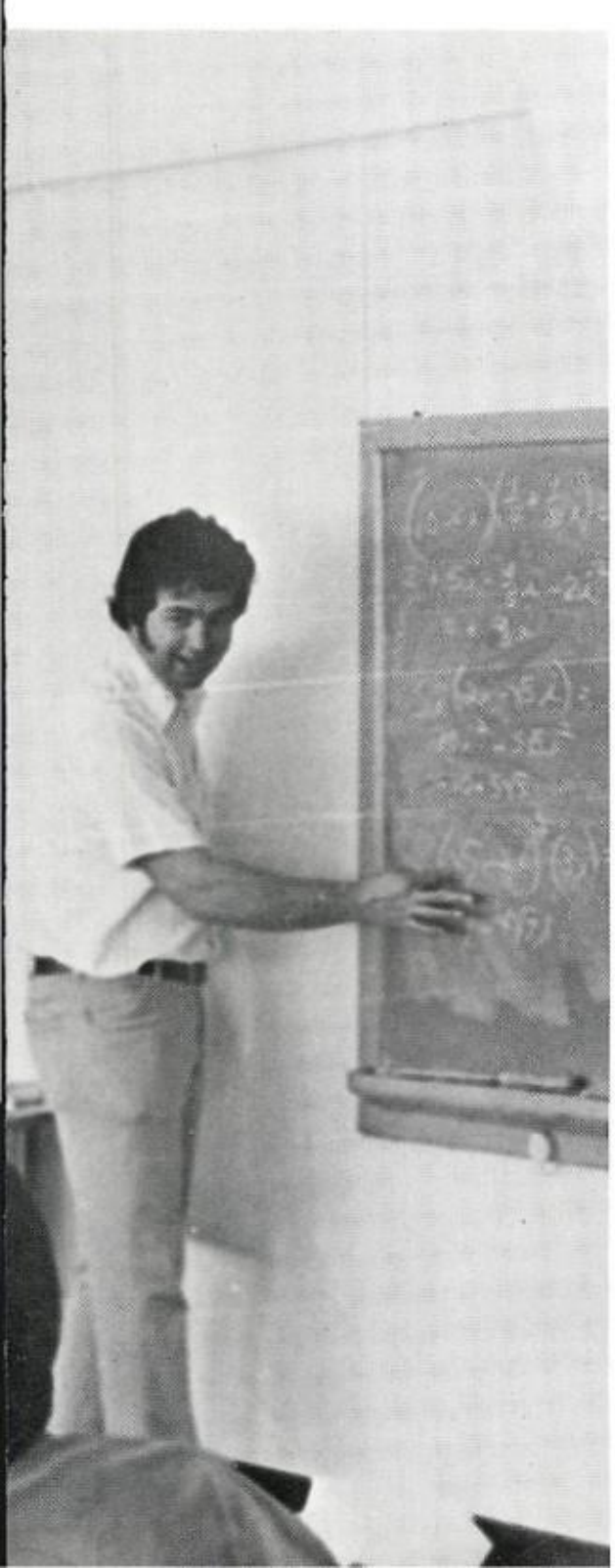
Numbers Don't Count in Math

Imagination plays a vital role in the daily lives of students. Math, although not thought of as a creative subject, is an "imaginary" one because of the abstract thinking it involves. For some students, imagination, or the lack of it, equals failure; not in the sense of being original, but in the respect of passing math.

These students have hard times visualizing and applying math concepts. These difficulties usually lead to undesirable test scores and rank math among the hardest courses required for graduation. After all, it is hard to grasp something that does not exist, and "Numbers don't exist," explains Mrs. Steen to algebra and geometry students. "Math is strictly imaginary!"



TOP FAR LEFT: Mrs. Steen uses an eagle eye and a left wing to check an Algebra 11 test. BOTTOM FAR LEFT: Scotty Tripp uses a ruler, pencil, and a steady hand to construct geometric designs. LEFT: Mr. Spears searches for Carolyn Brinson's mistake in a quadratic procedure. BOTTOM CENTER: Mr. Peske points out the difference between conjugates and inverses to his Algebra II class.



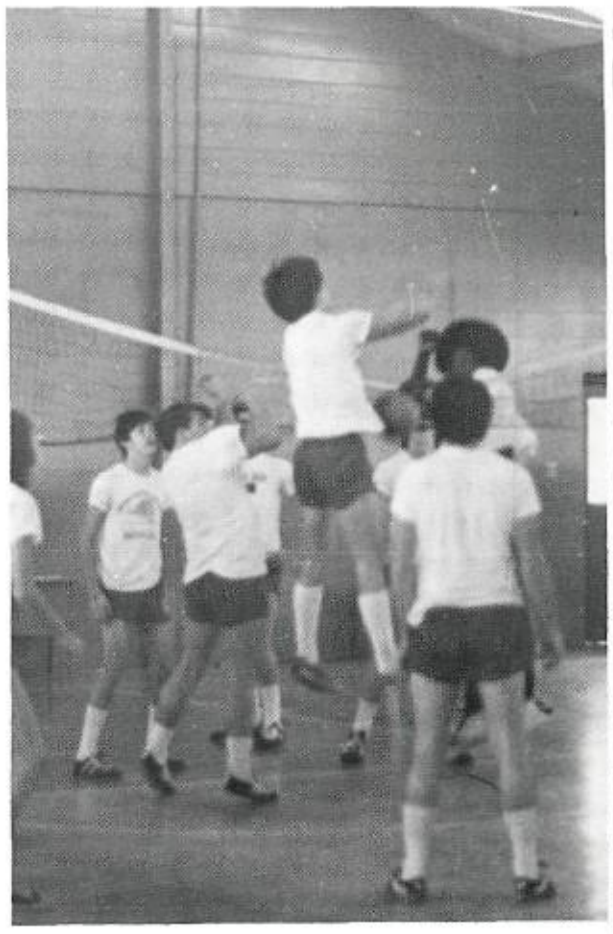
LEFT: Lisa Sanders finds just the clothes she needs for any occasion at Luci-Lee's. **LUCI-LEE WOMEN'S APPAREL** has anything you need for casual or formal dress. Call **388-2680** or come by our shop in **McMILLAN MALL.**

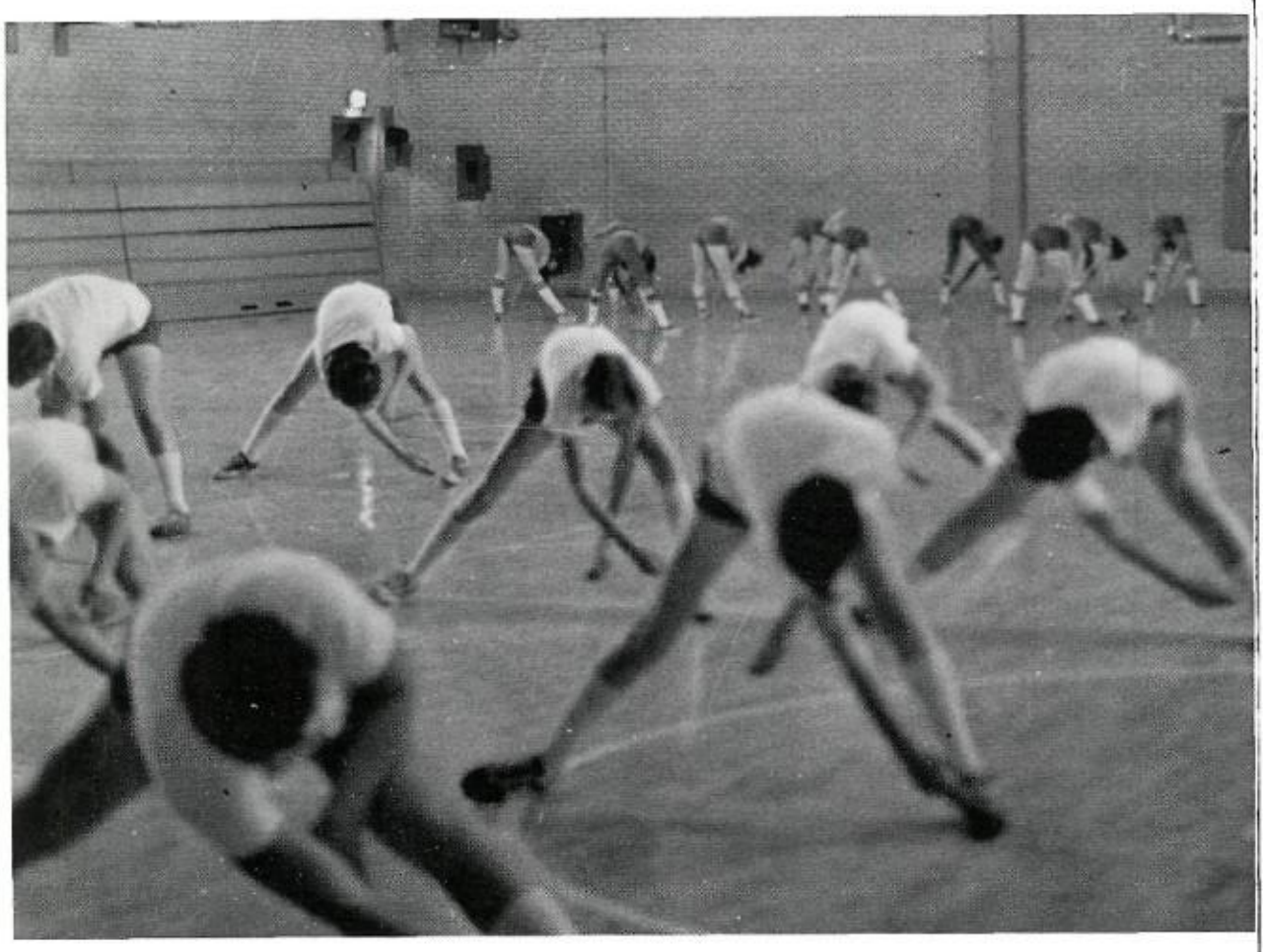
Students Wrestle With Co-education

The physical education department has undergone quite a change in 76-77. Under a new federal law, co-ed P. E. classes are taught at all schools, and Ouachita is no exception. Now males and females often compete with each other in recreational games. When the sexes are segregated, girls take part in volleyball, softball, and folk dancing. Boys participate in wrestling, basketball, and volleyball.

Wrestling is a new part of the curriculum of the boys muscle-building classes. Coach Cleveland, an old hand at the Greco-Roman sport, teaches the boys conditioning for the grueling three minutes of a wrestling match and the holds to render an opponent helpless.

Students at first snickered at the idea of co-education, and wrestling; but gradually learned the value of getting along with the opposite sex, and the art of self defense.





ABOVE LEFT: Mrs. LaBlanc's P. E. classes practice coordination and good timing needed for square dancing. ABOVE: P. E. students loosen muscles before proceeding to the day's schedule. TOP: Greg Smith unsuccessfully tries to slam the ball against Charlie Young in a 2nd period volleyball game.

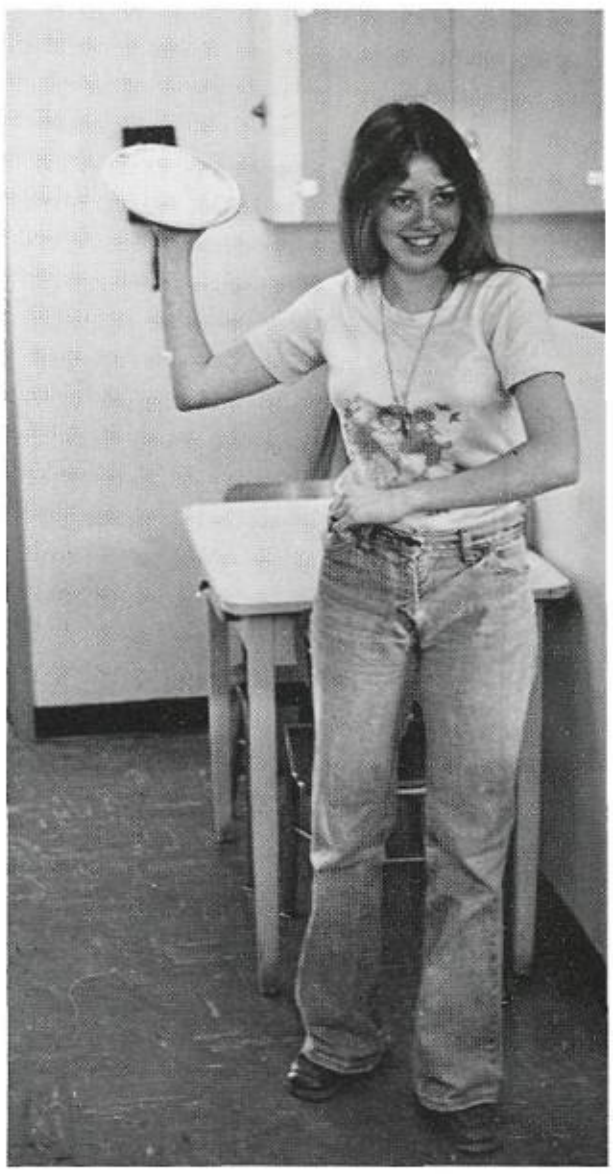
NJROTC Steps Out

The 1977 NJROTC continues its busy schedule. Besides the everyday school activities, they travel on many learning expeditions. They marched in Minden, in the area Christmas parades, and during Mardi Gras, in New Orleans.

Many of the future Navy officers boarded the carrier USS Enterprise to observe a sailor's busy life. Others visited Meridian, Mississippi, once for a track meet, and later for observing life on base.

Some Ouachita students have uncertain futures, but NJROTC students have already stepped ahead. If they continue with their goals, they can have stable careers in the military.

TOP: Standing in the afternoon heat, John Hayes and Jerry Yates welcome the command of "Port Arms" which signals the close of a drilling session. ABOVE: Benjie Kizer, Jeanne Brown and Jimmy Hicks beat cadance for Ouachita's NJROTC at the annual Natchitoches Christmas parade. ABOVE RIGHT: On the bus from Natchitoches, Bill Ross guards the 3rd place award for outstanding marching performance.



If the Apron Fits, Wear It!

For six years "men's lib" has been alive and well at Ouachita. Guys invaded the "woman's world" by enrolling in Home and Family Living. In these co-ed classes, students learn etiquette, consumer education, how to perform business transactions, and simple social graces.

Other Home Ec courses are offered for three years to girls interested in child care, creative arts and related subjects. Clothing and nutrition are still the main topics. Passing by the Home Ec department one can recognize the unit of study by aroma of food or the busy whirr of sewing machines.

"Academic courses prepare a person for future occupations, but Home Ec applies to right now. It teaches the basics of life," remarked Darlene Nelson.

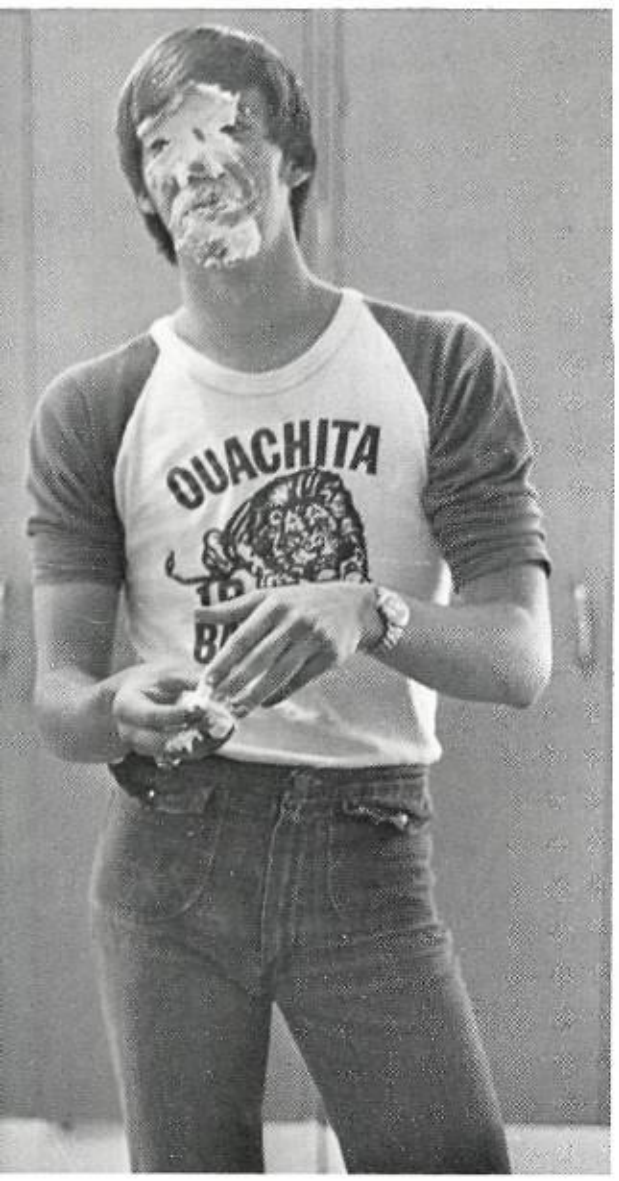
Speech Students Act Good

"Now that I've had speech, I don't get as nervous talking in front of people as I used to," declares Kim Bearden. The speech program strives to bring out self-expression in each student, and in turn, sharpens communication abilities.

Area tournaments throughout 76-77 gave Ouachita students a chance to further develop their skills in oral interpretation, poetry, and debate.

"Voices" could be heard throughout the auditorium as Mrs. DeBurr's Speech II students rehearsed the one act play they performed at the Northeast and Grambling speech tournaments.

For some first-year speech students, the course isn't just an easy "A," or the chance to entertain during assemblies. As Stephen Plummer puts it, "Speech isn't all play."



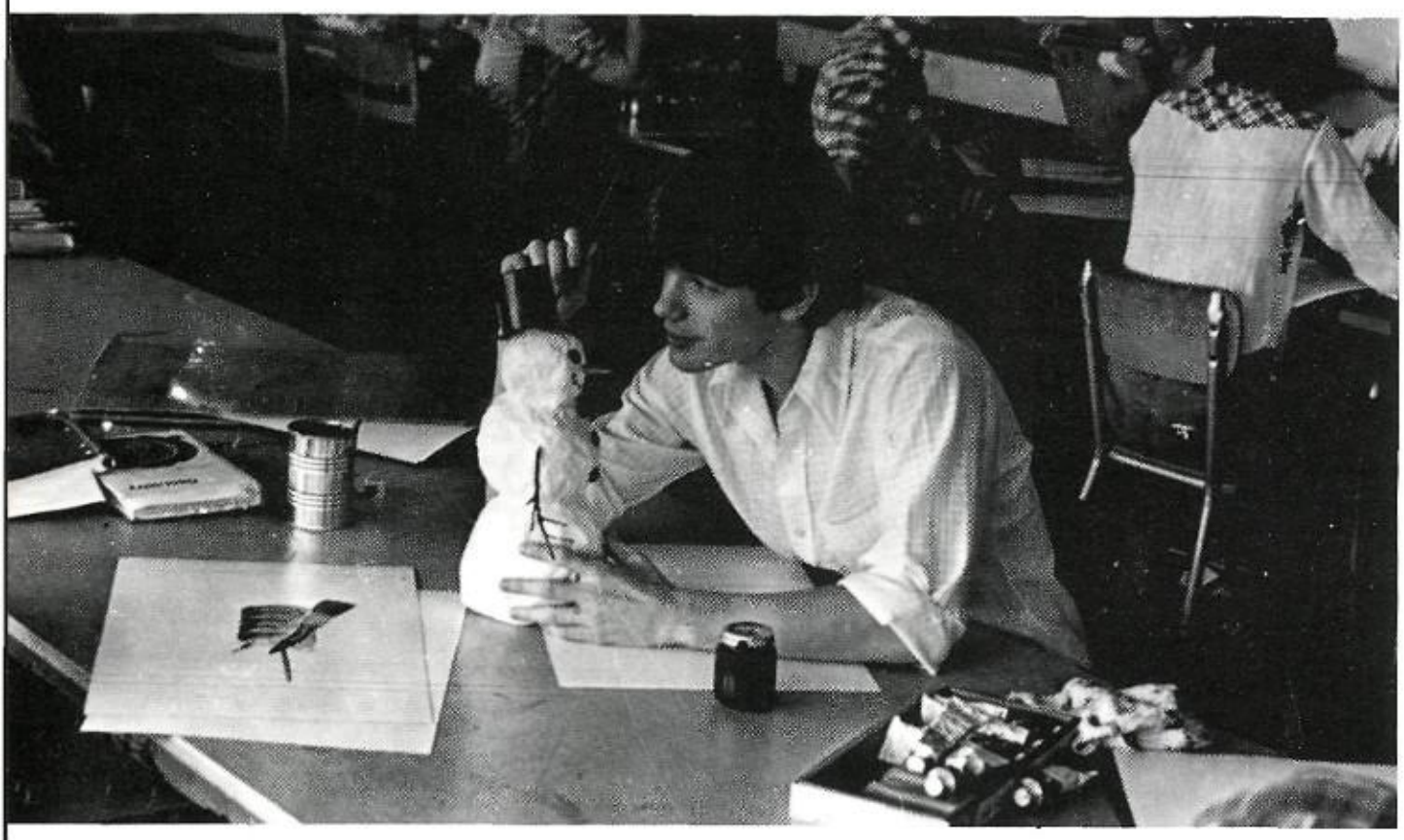
LEFT: Sondra West and Lisa Blackwelder can't keep a straight face even when Mark Valladio is "murdered" by "villian" Jimmy Scott. FAR LEFT: Miss Bethae scans Debbie Holmes' finished collar for flaws. ABOVE FAR LEFT: Sylvia Lopez practices setting a table in Home Ec, one step toward becoming a good housewife and hostess. ABOVE LEFT: Billie Falgout's pie ends up in Mike Durham's face rather than on the table. ABOVE: Doug McKeithen and Cheryl Hill watch Mark Boothe descend into the manhole in the production of "39 Dollar Man."

Personalities

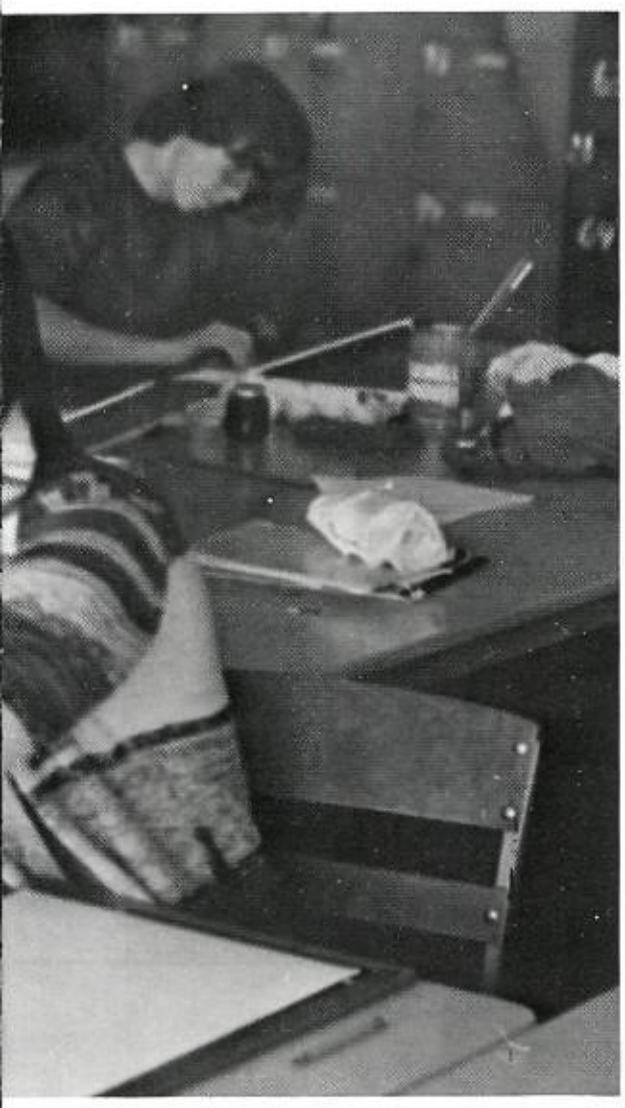
Explode in Art

"You'll need jute for macrame', acrylic paint, a small jar of gesso, and don't forget India ink!" says Mrs. Dante. By combining some of these utensils, students create eye-catching effects for enjoyment (and a grade!). Joseph Spann says, "Even if I don't make an A, I still have fun doing the projects."

Students combine their talent and art media to create unique projects which allow students to express their feelings and deepest thoughts. "Art gives all of us a chance to express ourselves without talking," says Cheryl Renfrow. A career in the art field can result from the effort and imagination displayed in art class.



ABOVE: Matt Walker applies the finishing touches to his papier mache' snowman. TOP: A pattern of square knots adds interest to Joy Dillingham's macrame' project. RIGHT: Lori Tully starts a new water color painting for her 6th period art class.



LEFT: Tommy Easterling, Charles Richards, and Ricky Duncan straighten up their uniforms before the halftime presentation. BELOW: Newly installed practice rooms are used for the development of the musical skills of Anne Braddock. BOTTOM: Mr. Roberts helps a small sophomore soprano group smooth out difficult notes in "Fall Leaves Fall."

Music Notes High Support

Music applies not only to the musically-inclined students of Ouachita but also to the not-so-musically-inclined. Students who aren't in the band or choir enjoy the entertainment they provide at concerts and assemblies.

To reach even more people, a whole new course was added to the music department. The humanities class has been instituted to heighten student awareness of the customs, art, music, and folklore of various cultures.

"To understand music, you can't just listen; you've got to be involved," revealed Jackie Burgin. Almost one-sixth of the Ouachita student body supports his statement by enrolling and actively participating in one or more music-related areas.

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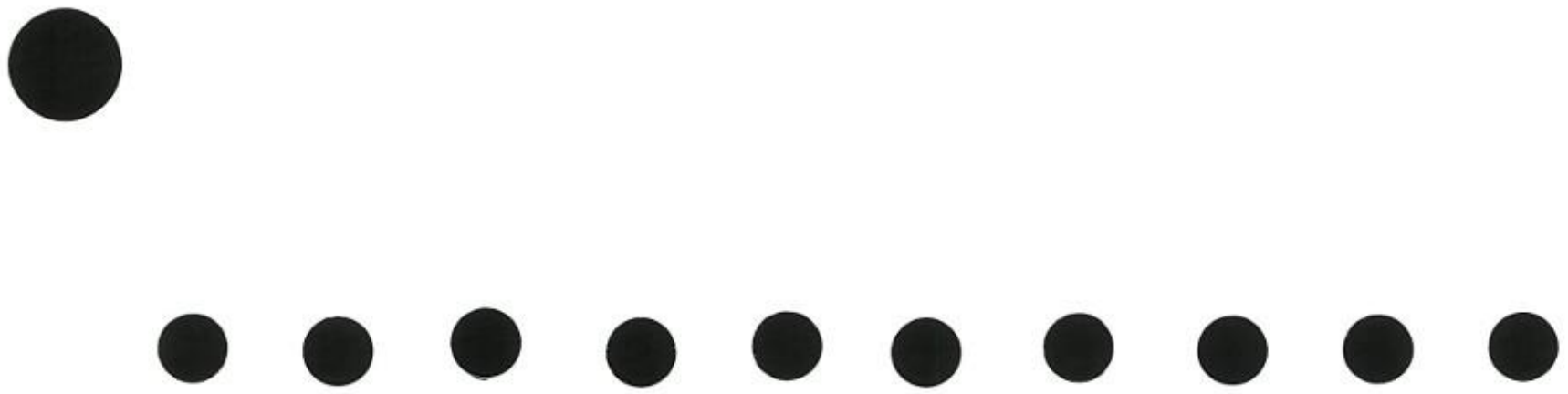

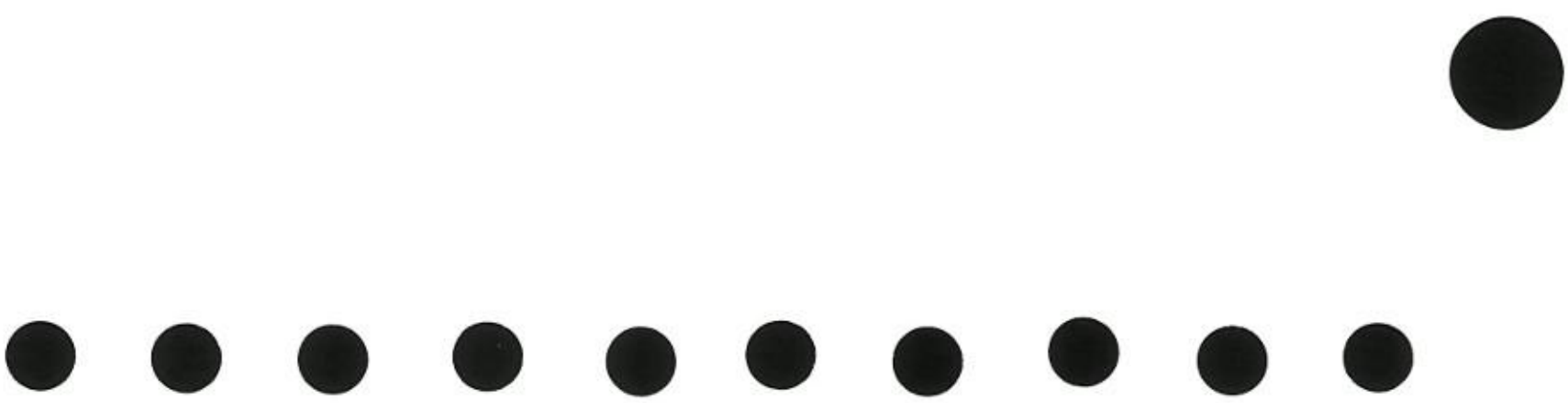

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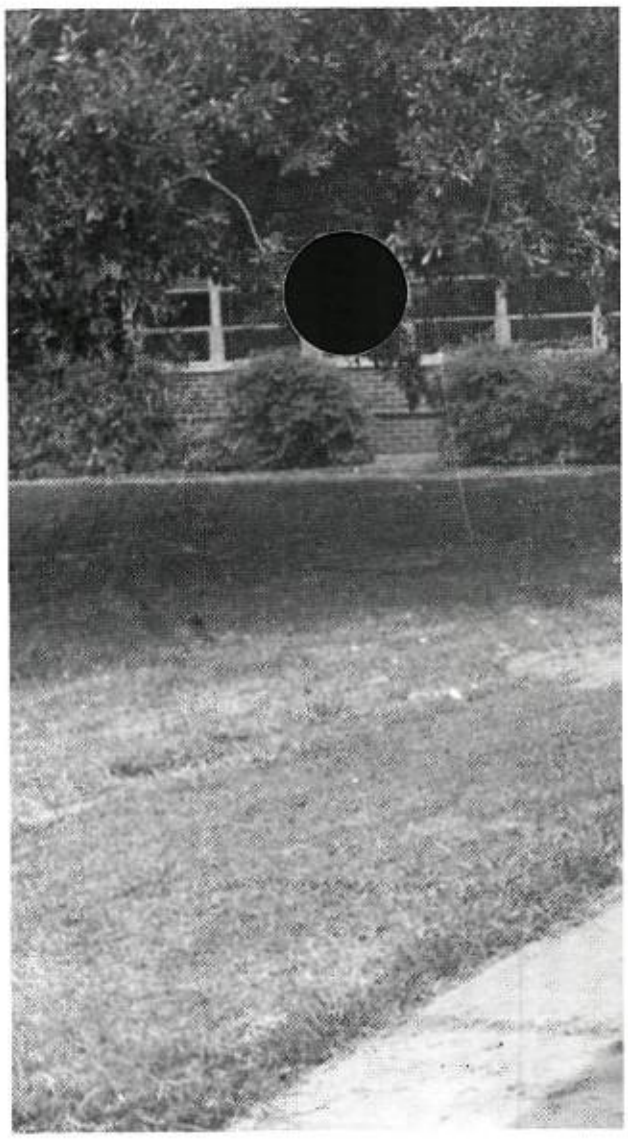


Whole New Year Begins With Positive Outlook

In mid-August, guys reluctantly resumed football practice, as girls frantically began amassing their fall wardrobes. The general sentiment was one of melancholy as carefree summer melted into school routine.

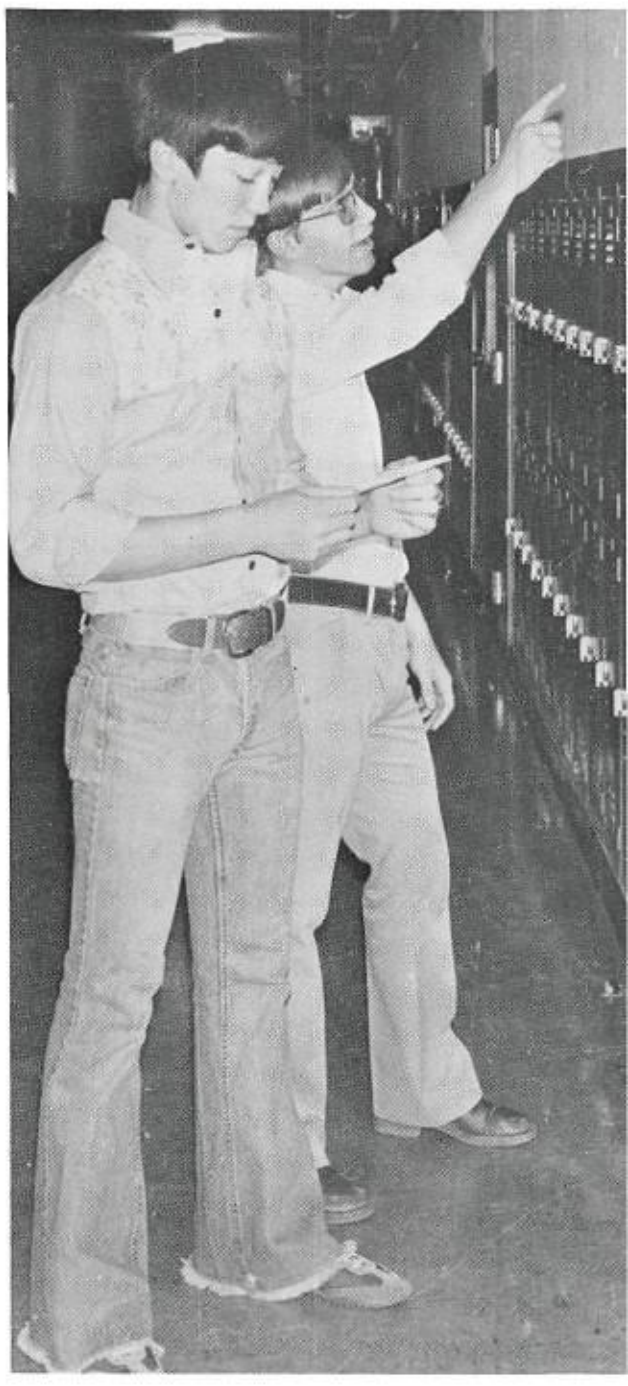
Of course, the sophomores experienced a tingle of newness; but even high school veterans felt the sensation of metamorphosis. Ouachita had changed.

The physical alterations were readily visible. There were an expanded band room, improved parking facilities, and long-awaited air conditioning. But another, more important, transformation had taken place over the brief summer.

On the whole, student attitudes were more positive than they had been. There was more willingness and desire to be involved in school activities than in years past. Mrs. Grafton expressed it well, "I felt it from the first. It was a togetherness unusual for any high school."

From the start, 1976-77 seemed to be more than "just another year." It appeared to be a whole new experience.

LEFT: Mrs. Velma Jones sweeps away a summers worth of dirt from a window screen in opening preparations for the cafeteria. FAR LEFT: Sophomores question senior senators and executive council members about homerooms and classes during the opening days of school. BOTTOM FAR LEFT: Mr. Charles Wilkins adjusts one of many wall clocks in his shop. He's an expert that will be happy to help you find just the clock to go above the mantle or stand in the entrance hall. **KLOCK KRAFTS, 2311 SOUTH GRAND, 387-8090,** *specializes in* clock repair, stripping and refinishing furniture. BELOW: Naomi Watson, co-editor of the 76-77 yearbook, helps issue Ouachita's first fall delivery yearbook, the 75-76 Roarer.



TOP: Tiger Turner, Wanda Sandidge, and Terri Hale stand for the morning colors, starting a whole new day. RIGHT: Doug Young points out to classmate Tim Pruitt the room number corresponding to the number on his schedule during sophomore orientation.

ABOVE: You've just finished plans for Rover's new house and the first thing you need is lumber. A nice paint job will make his house even more a home and the best place to buy lumber and paint is **J. B. McCOY LUMBER COMPANY, 901 SOUTH GRAND.** From doghouses to townhouses McCoy can take care of your building needs.

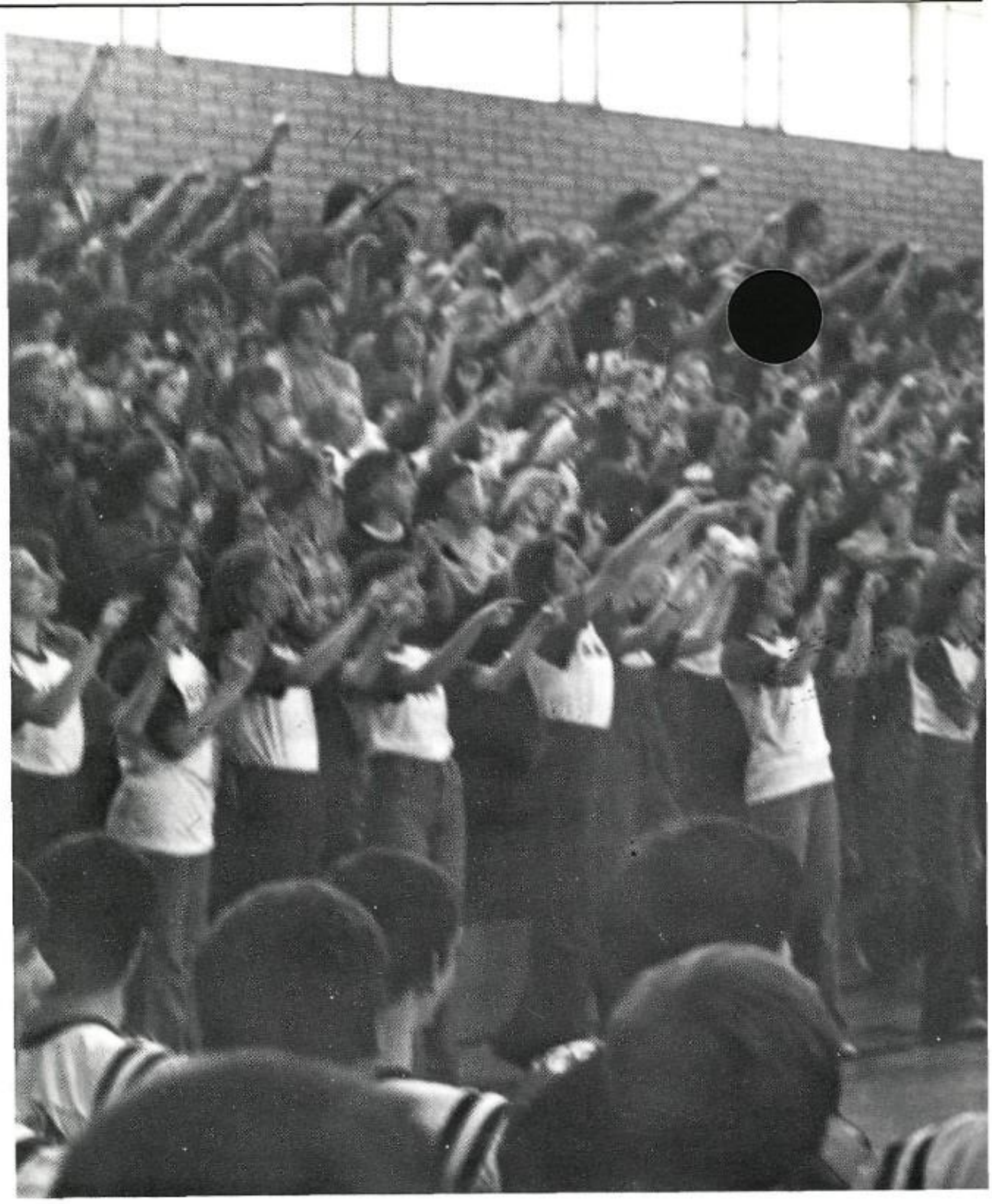
Ouachita Makes a Clean Sweep

To Start '76, a Whole New Year

With the opening of school, students weren't the only ones who had to reassemble for classes. Ouachita's faculty got on the job earlier, reviewing and planning the year. In the office, homerooms, class schedules, and opening day plans were laid out. "We teachers have it worse than the students!" cried one teacher. "At least they have three whole months off."

Custodians and maids finished the last minute tasks of cleaning classrooms and halls at Ouachita and mowing the surrounding lawns. These long hours of preparation made the 1976-77 opening day one of the smoothest ever. Excited students in new clothes entered a clean building for a whole new well-planned year.

TOP: Drew Haynes allows the excited sophomores time to calm down before briefing them on Ouachita's whole new way of doing things.



Mrs. McMullen, owner of McMullen's Flower Shop assists a customer in selecting a flower arrangement for a sick friend. Flowers for a birthday, a loved one, or just to say hello can be found in the large variety of flowers found at McMullen's Flower Shop. Area residents shop regularly at **McMULLEN'S FLOWER SHOP, 912 S. 3rd. Call 323-6522** for deliveries.

LEFT: The J. V. football team proves to be a spirited bunch at the Fair Park pep rally. BOTTOM LEFT: With bellowing voices and outstretched arms these mighty Lion supporters try their best to out shout the opposite side of the gym. BELOW: Varsity cheerleaders Karen Draper, Connie McCain, Peggy Trimble, Susan Ensminger, and Pam Puckett "wish they were Ouachita Lions" at the homecoming pep rally.

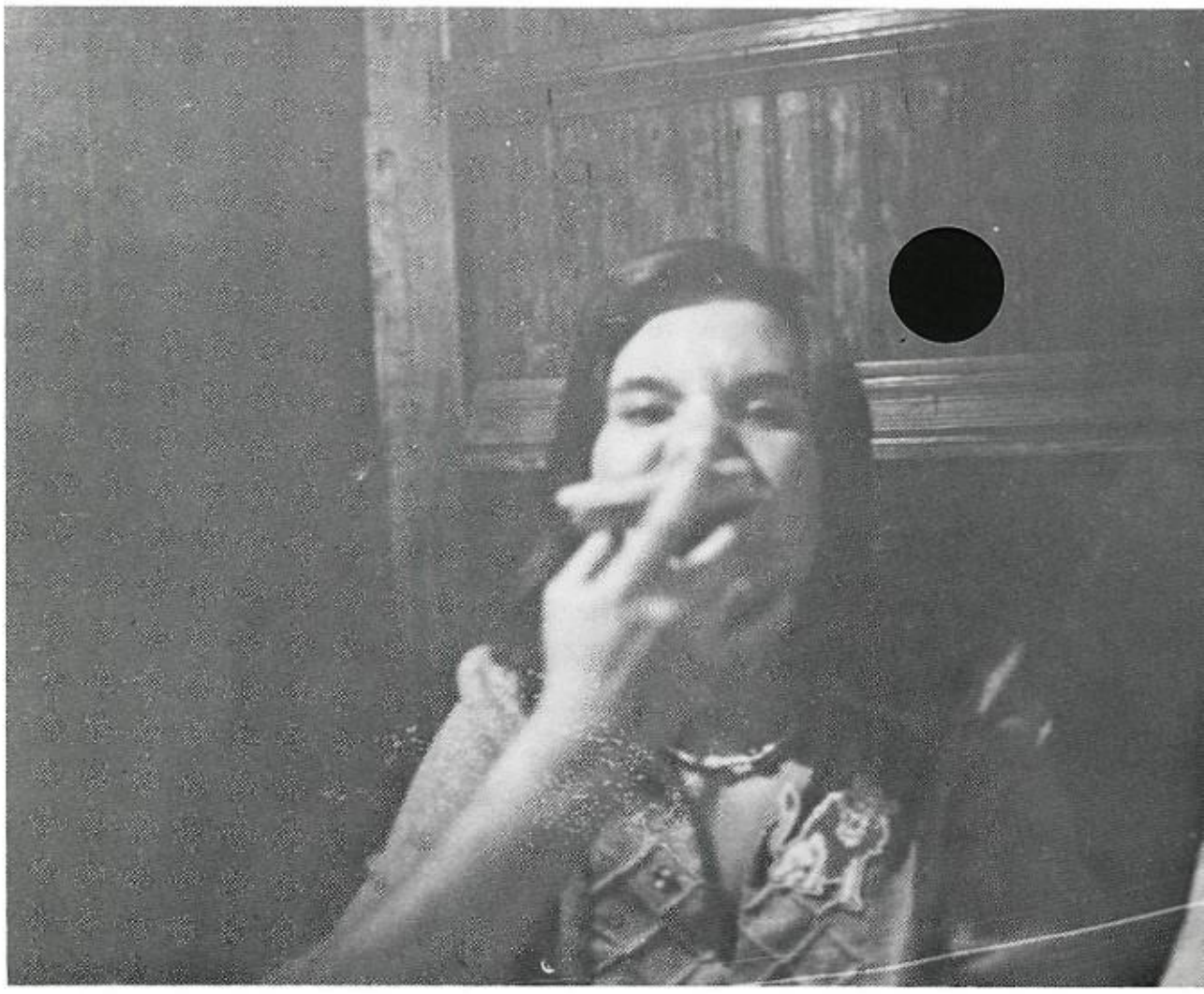
Boogie Fever Epidemic Hits Ouachita Pep Rallies

A new time, place, and 1,300 screaming faithful Lion supporters all contributed in the most spirit-filled pep rallies at Ouachita in years. Students gathered in the gym at 9:00 each Friday morning and began firing up the mighty Lion football team for the upcoming tilt. Cheerleaders urged the three classes to "yell louder," the Dandy-Lions gave a preview of the night's performance, and the band filled the packed gym with the sound of lively fight songs.

Students and faculty took more interest in pep rallies during 76-77 and the spirit paid off as Ouachit. rolled to victory after victory.

Special pep rallies featured the "Little People" and the "Dragonettes." Competition for the weekly spirit stick brought down the ceiling with the ear-bursting roars of each class' victory cry.

Each pep rally had its own individuality. As put by Lynee' Graves, "Others, like myself, will probably remember the Ouachita vs. Neville rally. After all, it led up to a super victory!"



TOP: After using up all of her energy at the football game, Jackie Moore munches down on a piece of pizza. ABOVE LEFT: Laura Causey turns from happy Darlene and Cindy Nelson to chat with Mrs. Sue Bryan about the results of the Neville football game. ABOVE: Still filled with the excitement of the game, Lion fans stream into the doors of North Monroe Baptist Church to enjoy the food and fellowship offered to them.

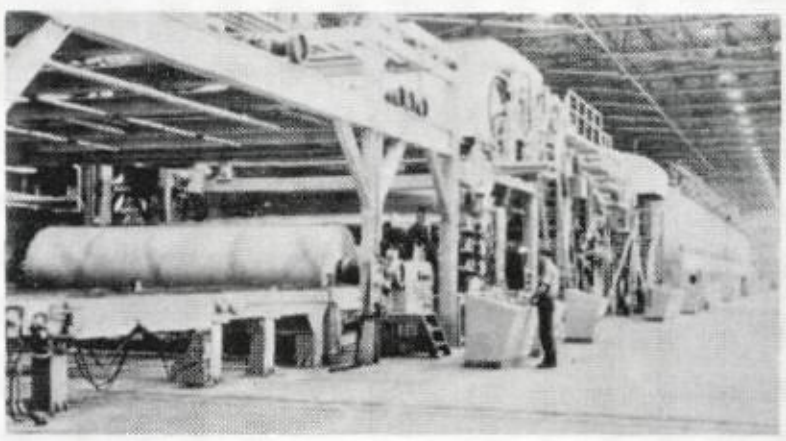
RIGHT: Olinkraft is more than just a paper mill. Sure, we make paper—about 1,500 tons of paper and paperboard daily but we also produce lumber, plywood, particleboard, corrugated containers, beverage carriers, cartons, and bags for groceries, charcoal briquets, and chemical plus special coated and laminated paperboards. We've even developed packaging machinery systems. So you see **OLINKRAFT** is more than just a paper mill. We'd Like You To Know Us Better. Headquarters: **WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA.**

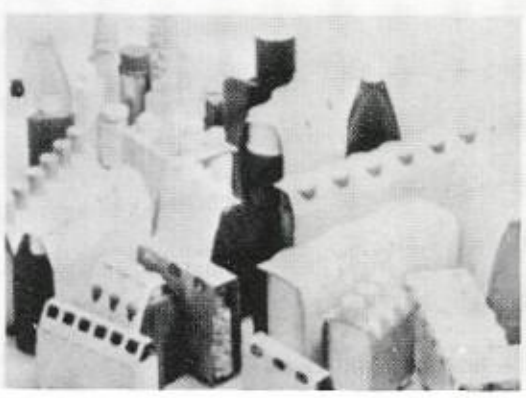
Excitement Lingers After Games

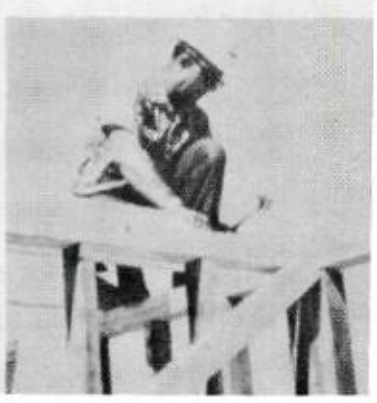
"This year at Ouachita is the most unified I have seen," said Shorty Herbert. "Even after a game kids like to talk and have fun."

Pizza parlors and hamburger joints provided Ouachita students with a place for relaxation while giving them a chance to eat. Other students preferred the fellowship in the more organized surroundings of North Monroe Baptist Church. Here they could enjoy skits and songs as well as food.

Connie Hyde said, "Whether we win or lose, it's always fun to get together with friends!"







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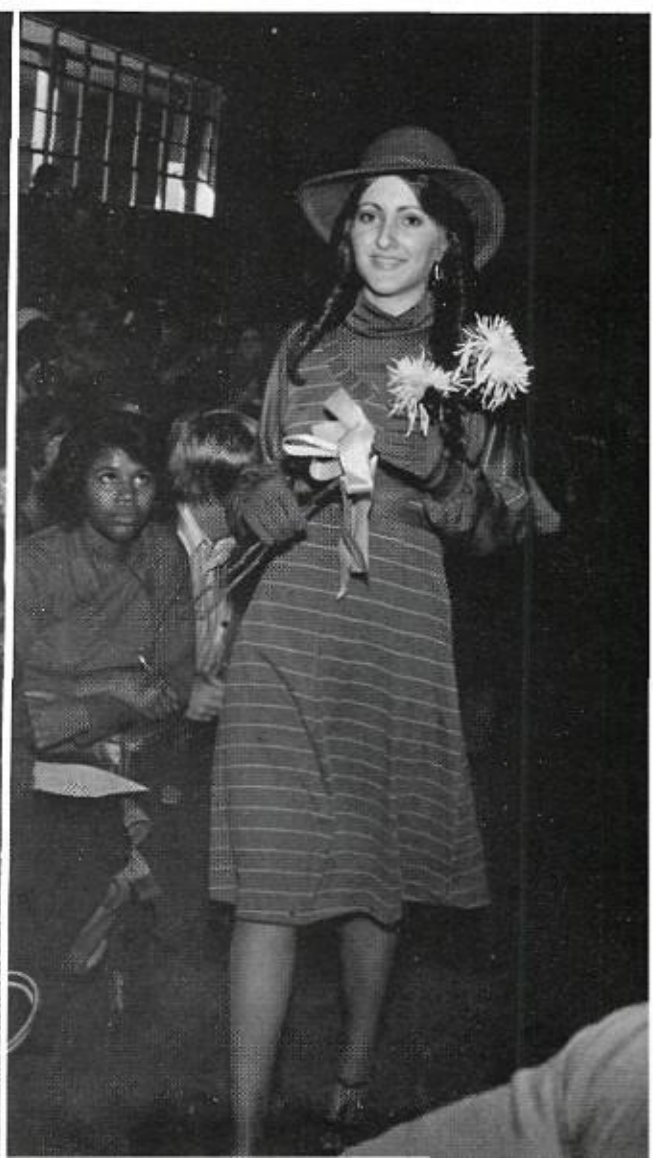

Sugar-N-Spice Forecasts Delicious Homecoming

Recipe: 10 art students
2 young-at-heart adults
100% co-operation
72 hours

Combine all ingredients in large auditorium. Add 1300 students. Mix thoroughly. Step back and inspect the results. What do you have? . . . *the 1976 Homecoming Preview.*

It was different from the past in many ways. A record was set in the Ouachita preview history; contestants represented each of fifty-three homeroom classes.

In the past homerooms sponsored junior and senior girls only, but in 1976 they were able to nominate sophomore girls. For the first time since 1969 sophomores were included in homecoming preview.

Not only did the preview have a record number of girls, but the voting was different also. Instead of voting on lunch shifts, the students voted for the court while still in the auditorium. After the ballots were completed students remained seated while a teacher committee tallied the votes. Thirty minutes later, the 1976 Homecoming court was announced.

TOP LEFT: Fifty-three smiling contestants welcome parents, students, and faculty to the Homecoming Preview. LEFT: Contestants Karen Duke, Melissa Pittman, and Sharon Grayson flash their smiles at the students during their final walk before the voting. ABOVE: Susan Clark, Mara Flanagan, Margaret Duke, and Loyce Mills entertain the crowd with their little girls antics at the Homecoming Preview.

Local Businesses Fill Students Needs

ABOVE: Whether the doll is seventeen years old or forty years young Rags for Dolls has the suitable wardrobe for her. Lynee Graves adds a spark to her after 5 wardrobe with a dress for her personality. Beautiful clothes at affordable prices are waiting for you at **RAGS FOR DOLLS, 2305 FORSYTHE AVENUE.**

TOP RIGHT: No one enjoys receiving bills. But there is a Bill everyone enjoys knowing. Mr. Bill Parks, owner of Parks Tire and Supply, joins with co-worker Johnny Simmons in inviting you to drop by and chat. **PARKS TIRE AND SUPPLY** located at **507 NORTH 6th** stocks a complete line of automotive parts. If your exhaust pipe is exhausted drop by Parks or call **387-1722.** Someone there cares.

RIGHT: "What you see is what you get" at the Piccadilly Cafeteria. Whether you're the partying type or quiet the Piccadilly can serve you right. The Piccadilly has facilities to accommodate a large group anytime. The convenient, quick, buffet style service and experienced workers join to make your night out even better. Pick a dilly of a restaurant. **PICCADILLY CAFETERIA** located at the **TWIN CITY MALL.**

Kim Stites Adds Crowning Glory to Homecoming

"Sugar and spice" and everything nice sums up the outstanding qualities of Ouachita's 1976 Homecoming queen. Kim Stites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stites, was chosen by the student body from 53 contestants representing homerooms.

Kim participated in Dandy Lions and choir all her high school years. She was very active in Y-Teens during her junior year and served as Corresponding Secretary on the Student Council her senior year. Kim received a scholarship to NLU to further her education.

As Kim Stites added another accomplishment to her life, Ouachita added one more queen to its history.

ABOVE LEFT: Flashing a brilliant smile, Kim senses another Lion victory. ABOVE RIGHT: Little Miss Kim Stites presents her version of "De Lion" during the "Name that Lion" assembly. RIGHT: Backstage at the Ouachita Awards Day Assembly, assistants Kim Stites and Pam Puckett react to the announcement of Kim's scholarship to N. L. U.

Ouachita Goes to Court For Homecoming

DWI's, speeding, and wreckless driving are tickets to court for many people. But during 1976 Ouachita went to court for Homecoming.

The date was October 22, 1976. The setting for the trial was the Lion stadium. The Lion fans served as the judges for the homecoming trial. Finally, after minutes of confrontation, the jury reached their decision. Ouachita was found guilty of demolishing the Bastrop Rams, stomping the North Caddo Rebels, and slaughtering of the Richwood Rams. The judges sentenced them to one night of honoring the beautiful girls elected to their court.

Ouachita's Homecoming court consisted of ten girls. Three classes were represented on the homecoming court this year; the sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Ouachita's Homecoming queen was Miss Kim Stites. Miss Pam Puckett, a varsity cheerleader, served as maid of honor. The senior class was represented by Misses Chrystel Sharp, Peggy Trimble, and Beth Walley. The junior maids were Diane Grubbs, Darlene Nelson, and Glenda Grayson. The maids chosen to represent the sophomores were Terri Towery and Terri Williams.

Many people who go to court lose something, but Ouachita gained something . . . A beautiful homecoming and a court to match.

LEFT: A diamond is on every young lady's dream list and at Zale's, "the diamond store," there is one to suit your taste. Visit **ZALE'S** in the **McMILLAN MALL, WEST MONROE** for fine jewelry, china or silver.

TOP LEFT: Members of the 1976 Homecoming Court stretch to see how much farther the Lions have to go for a touchdown. FAR LEFT: Sophomore maid, Terri Williams cries tears of joy after being named to the court. LEFT: The 1976 Homecoming Court (front row) Diane Grubbs, Kim Stites, Terri Williams (second row) Terri Towery, Darlene Nelson, Glenda Grayson (back row) Chrystel Sharp, Peggy Trimble, Pam Puckett, and Beth Walley.

Ouachita Gets It Together For Homecoming

The Homecoming of 1976 was different from the previous seven years. It had been called Ouachita Day; this year it was renamed Homecoming.

Ouachita carried on the tradition of special preparations for Homecoming . . . the Dandy-Lions danced and decorated the stadium . . . the band practiced . . . Homecoming court rehearsed and the queen's throne was constructed. But the traditional preparations produced a whole new concept of Homecoming.

There was no time set aside from the school day for decorating and building displays. An exception, Mr. Halbrook's Senior English classes volunteered their skills to construct a permanent style queen's throne.

The Homecoming Preview, held on Monday of Homecoming Week, even had some changes. For the first time sophomores were allowed to participate. More importantly, results of the voting were announced immediately instead of at the end of the week. A faculty committee tallied the results before the students returned to their classes. The court then practiced the presentation ceremony for the remaining four days before Homecoming.

Different, new, special . . . keys to a whole new Ouachita in 1977, only partially prepared the Lions for a whole new Homecoming.

TOP: The MOB didn't make $100,000.00 as the box says but Mark Rutherford's $2.50 for the Homecoming dance ticket helps Nanette Shepard and Christy Schultz toward their goal. CENTER: Ouachita band practices "Love Will Keep Us Together" for the Homecoming routine of the Dandy-Lions. BOTTOM: Steve Huey, Christy Johnson, and Mary Singler do their part in the construction of the queen's throne.

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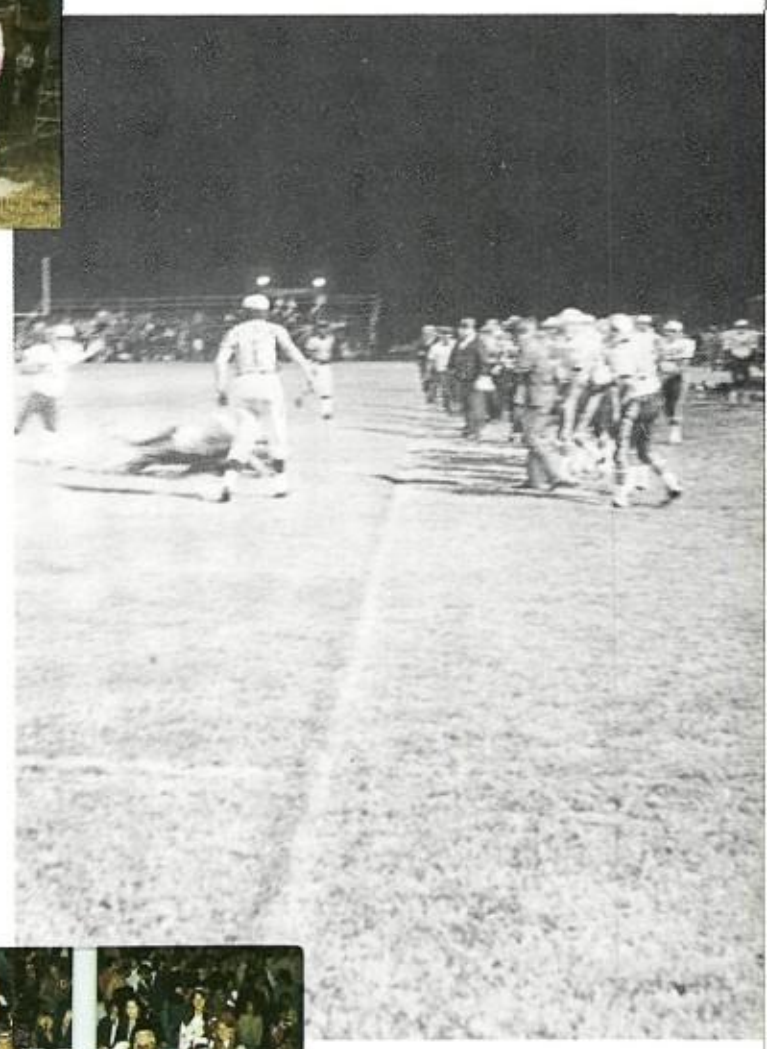


Special Guests Highlight Homecoming

"Two queens? . . . A helicopter? . . . Governor Edwards is going to crown her?"

Rumors of this sort were circulated around Ouachita the week of homecoming. On homecoming night, Ouachita fans crammed into the Lion Stadium to find out which rumors were true.

Typically Ouachita did not settle for a regular homecoming routine. As expected, halftime ceremonies were full of surprises.

With a roll of drums, silence descended on Lion Stadium. Longtime "Voice of the Lions," State Senator Lawerence Gibbs, intoned, "Here to crown Ouachita's 1976 homecoming queen is Mr. George Peppard, star of his own show 'Banacek.' " The crowd gasped as Mr. Peppard stepped from the car. "Oh, I wish I were Kim! . . . Look, he's going to kiss her!!"

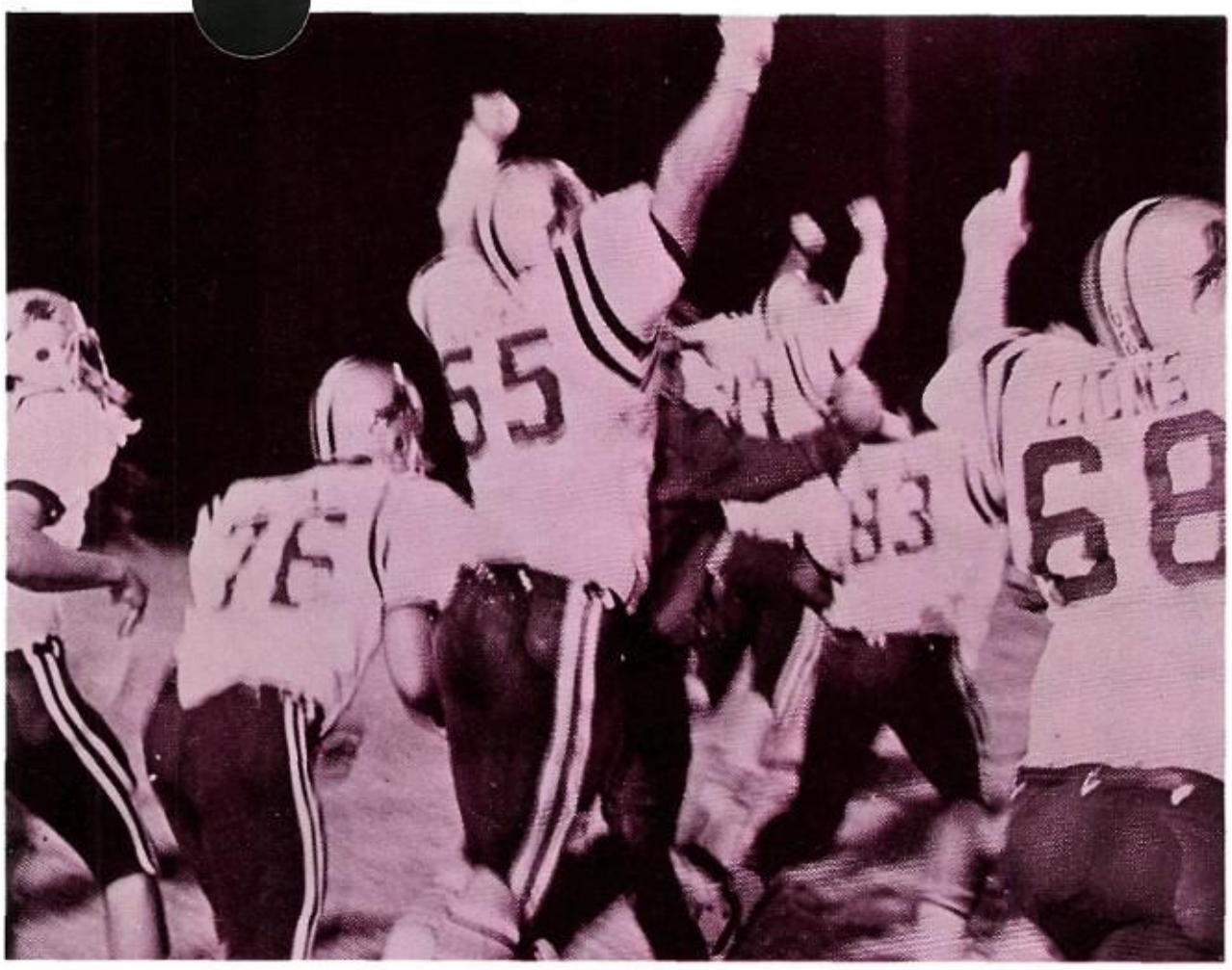
Ouachita introduced another new twist, two honorees. Miss Carrie Drew and Queen Kim Stites shared the spotlight. Miss Drew, a former teacher at Ouachita, was elected a beauty in her high-school years.

The 1976 homecoming court was presented to the crowd at halftime. The maids were escorted by their fathers and walked through an "O" formed by the band and Dandy Lions. Queen Kim Stites was crowned homecoming Sweetheart with Pam Puckett serving as Maid of Honor.

The senior class was represented by Misses Beth Walley, Chrystel Sharp, and Peggy Trimble; while the junior maids were Glenda Grayson, Dianne Grubbs, and Darlene Nelson. For the first time in three years, the sophomore class was represented by Terri Towery and Terri Williams.

The 1976 homecoming court reigned over a victorious game. The mighty Ouachita Lions were able to hold a 7-0 halftime lead over West Monroe until the final buzzer.

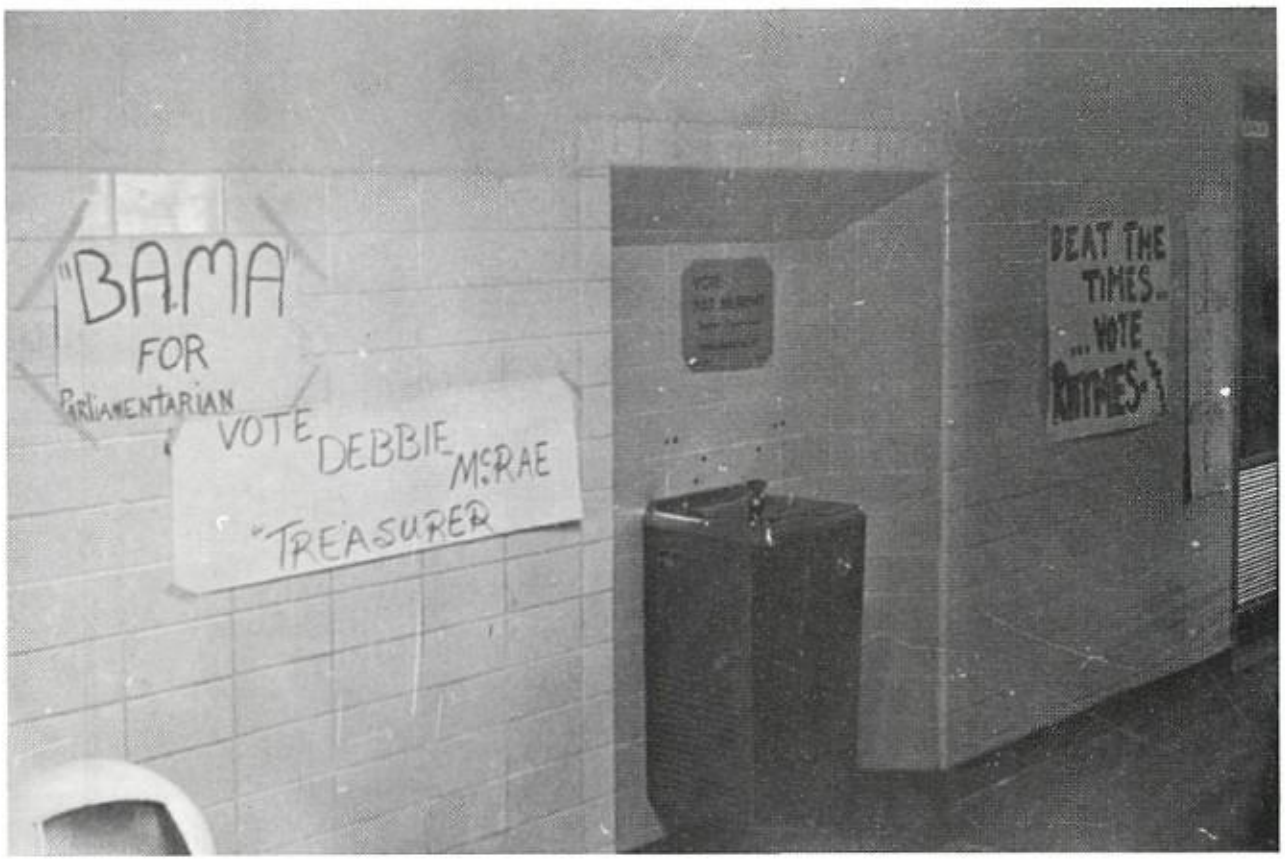
A star, two queens, and another Lion triumph, made the 1976 Ouachita homecoming as unique as Ouachita itself.

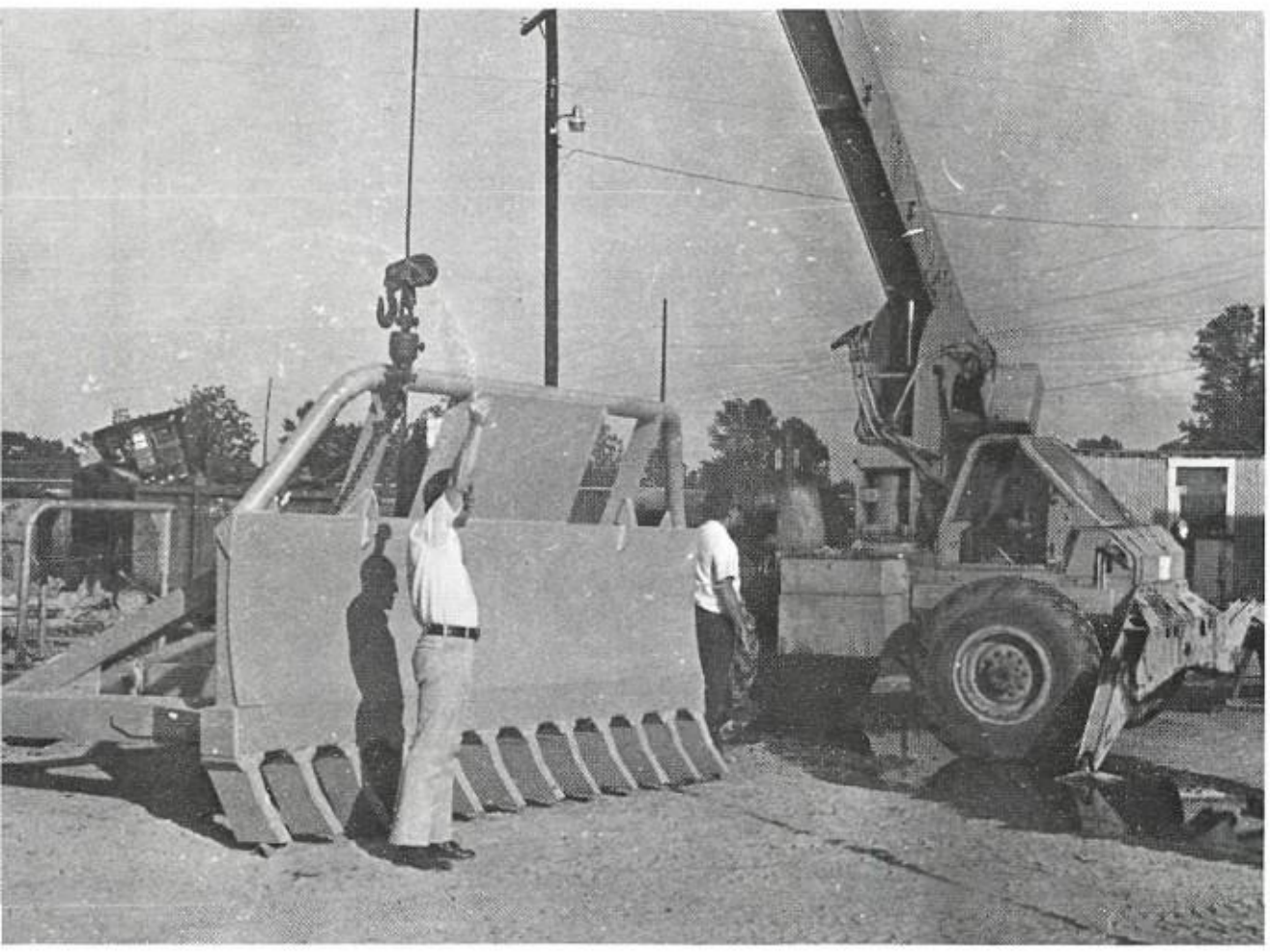


FAR LEFT: The honored guests, Miss Drew and her escort, Commander McEnery, Mr. Peppard, and Kim Stites, pause for the Alma Mater. TOP: The "Big Red" run victoriously onto the field to greet the conquered team. BOTTOM: Nervous but excited Senior maids, Chrystel Sharp and Peggy Trimble survey the close of the second quarter of the homecoming game.

ABOVE: After placing an order for a dozen red roses for his girl friend, Dobie Mixon, left, admires the enormous selection of flower arrangements in Parker's Flower Shop. Scott Miller, a Ouachita alumnus, is ready to assist Monroe and West Monroe residents with their floral needs. Come by **PARKER'S FLOWER SHOP** at **1101 JACKSON**, or call **325-1751** for beautiful service.

RIGHT: Sharon Ingram and Jim Lynch cast their ballots for Executive Council. BELOW: Juniors Caroline Frandsen and Donna Green, and sophomore Hal Stricklin vote for the Homecoming Court during lunch.





Whole New System Gets Vote Of Confidence

To avoid the hassle and confusion of registration, voters at Ouachita used a whole new system. Students were required to submit a valid I. D. as proof of identification prior to casting ballots. "The new procedure allows voting to flow much quicker than last year," remarked Executive Council member Laura Causey.

Throughout the year, elections kept participation high. In mid-October sophomore senate elections introduced the newcomers to Ouachita's student government. Almost 85% of the sophomore class turned out to choose their representatives.

The biggest Ouachita election in terms of student response was to pick eleven girls to serve on Homecoming court. Students also chose a name for Ouachita's new mascot. From a list of 54 suggestions, "Cheepa II" won by a margin of 109.

A record sixty-three candidates ran for the six vacant offices of Executive Council left by graduating seniors. The year's last election, immediately followed that of Executive Council, and chose junior and senior senators. Women's Lib and ERA found their places at Ouachita with the election of an all-girl senate.

ABOVE: Mr. Art Sharplin directs the maneuvering of a large plow to be reinstalled on a dozer. **SHARPCO** can handle any welding or large machinery problem. Sharpco, **FONTANA ROAD,** is equipped with the largest supply of pipe and metal materials in North Louisiana.

TOP: During the Executive Council election, posters of different shapes, sizes, and colors line the halls.

RIGHT: The gym floor begins to disappear as Dandy Lions join other groups already seated during the Thanksgiving assembly. BELOW FAR RIGHT: Wade Martin Jr. makes himself up as the Spirit of America in the assembly reflecting historic American events. BELOW RIGHT: "Foxy Farrah," winner of the Anchor Club Boys Beauty Pageant, stands regally between second runner up, "Ima Hooker," and first runner up, "Tinky Puscadero." BELOW: Mr. Mahaney speaks to the student body on his personal experiences with drugs.

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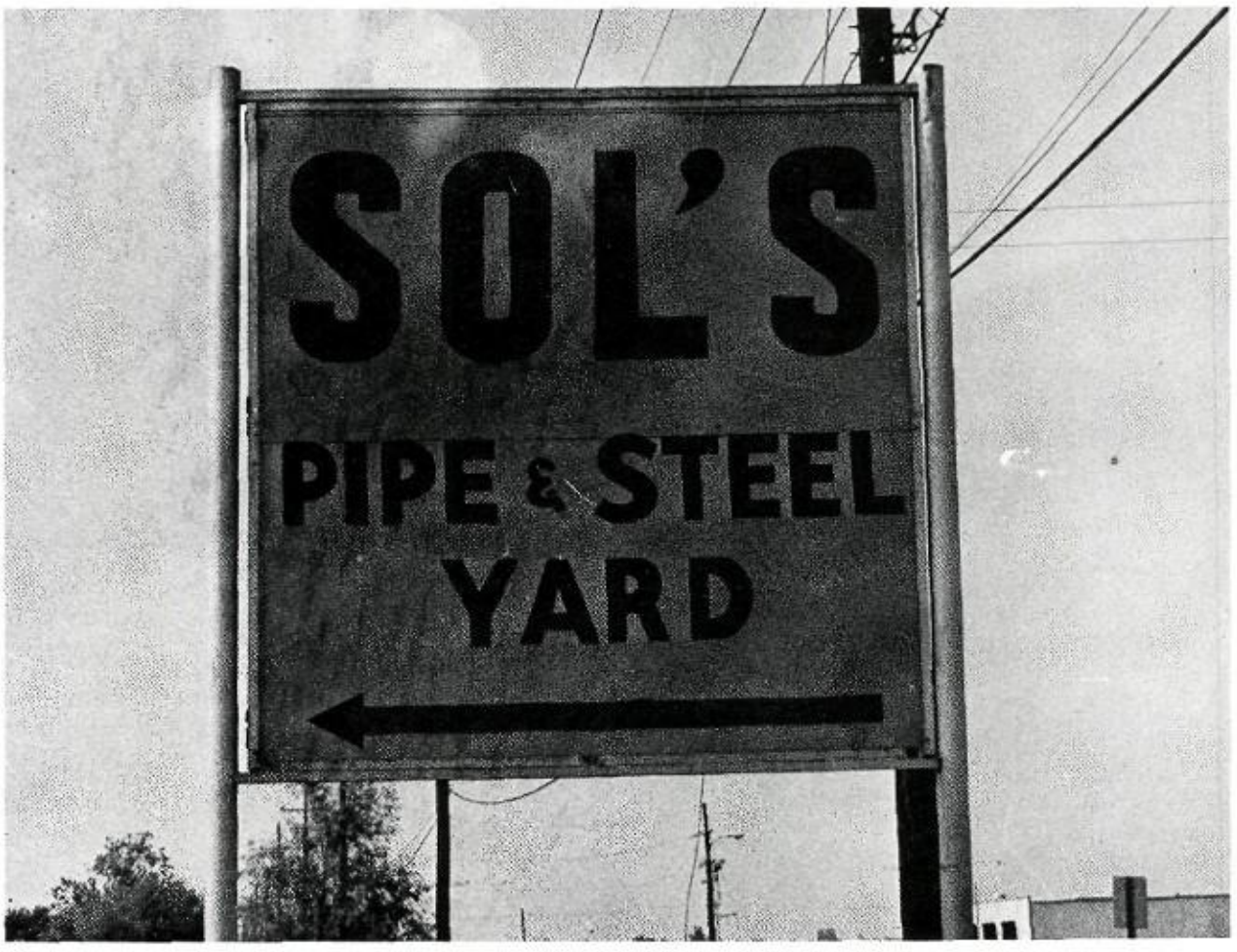
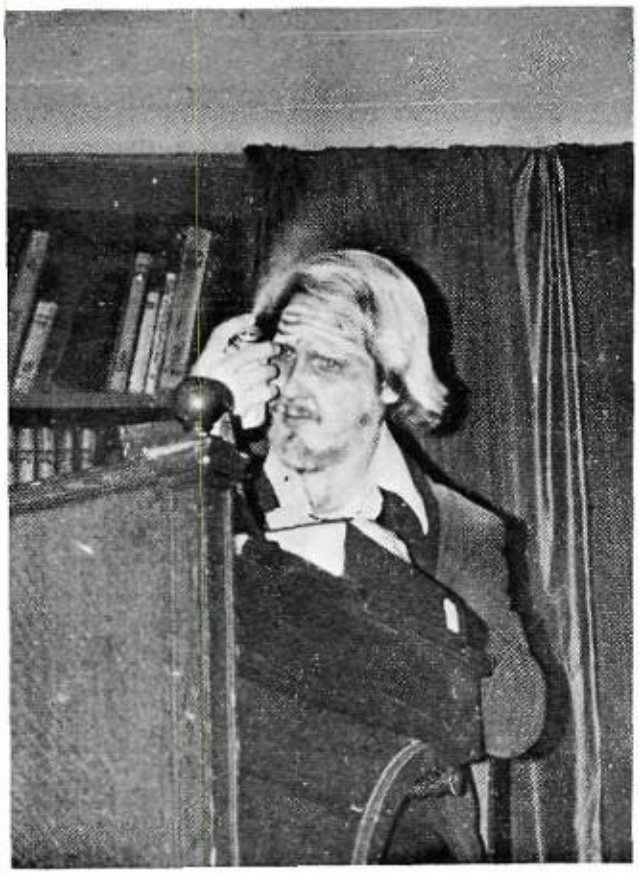




Participation Is No Excuse

Special assemblies during 1976-77 brought speakers to Ouachita with programs of interest to both students and faculty.

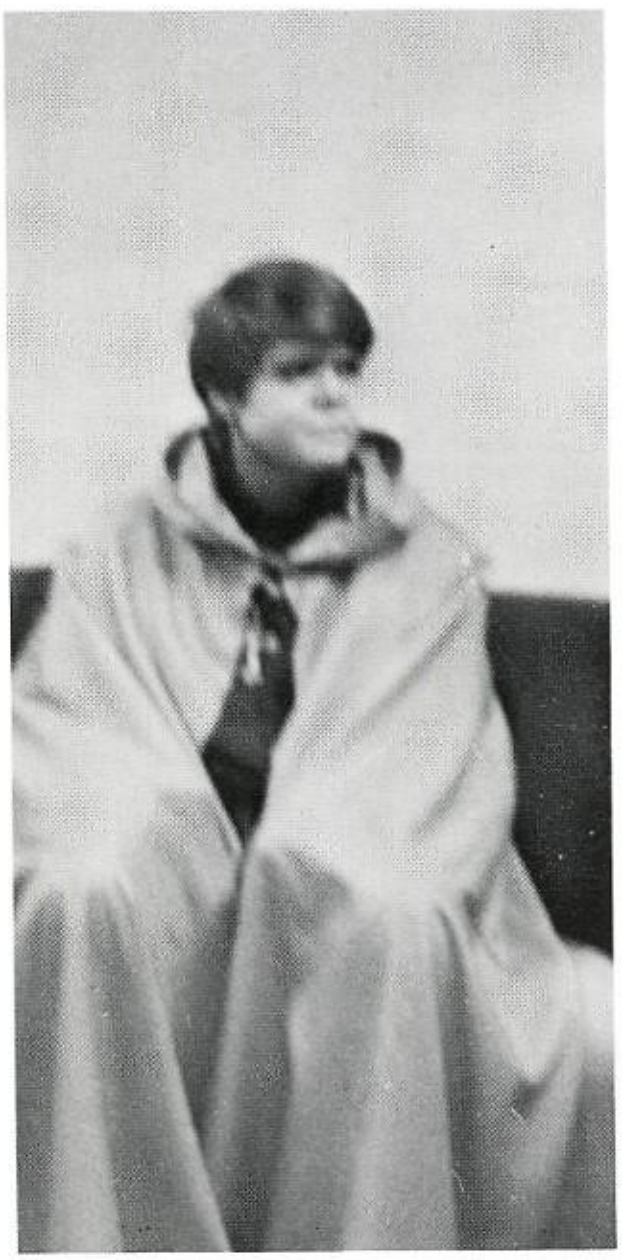
An assembly on American history was presented by Wade Martin Jr. Mr. Martin portrayed the spirit of America and related important events of America. His entire production was educational, yet the style of the show was entertaining. "American history came to life," commented Dana LaPrairie. "It wasn't just some dull information straight from a text book."

Beach balls jumped out of the screen, and the Jolly Green Giant got his feet tickled in the assembly on advertising. Special screen effects captured attention and kept everyone wondering what would happen next. The assembly presented advertising in a whole new light.

Drug education was the topic of Mr. Mahaney. He shared with the student body his personal experience with drugs and how his life had improved without them.

Student interest and participation proved that these assemblies were more than just an excuse to get out of class.

RIGHT: Cheryl Hill's face reflects the candlelight's soft glow and the solemnity of the Christmas assembly. BOTTOM FAR RIGHT: Teachers and students await their turn to show their appreciation of Ouachita at the Thanksgiving assembly. BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of Mrs. Ballard's first period class share the warmth of the Christmas season. BELOW: Garbed in the outfit of an alien priest, Thomas Barrett celebrates Halloween at the Science Fiction Society of Northeast Louisiana costume party.



Holidays Reflect Holy Attitude

Holiday festivities at Ouachita were anticipated by students and staff. The 1976-77 school year brought, along with expected decorations, holidays set aside for serious observation. Assemblies centered around a holy attitude. At Christmas students and teachers filed silently down auditorium aisles in the new semi-darkness for a candlelight program.

Holiday celebrations during 76-77 reflected the student government's total involvement policy. Activities such as the Christmas card project did not focus on individuals, but on the whole student body. Ouachita became not a school of separate people, but a whole. Harold Roberts stated that, "Some of the folks who aren't that popular made a difference. Everybody was important."

LEFT: Steve Plummer examines one of the high-quality tractors in stock at **SCOTT TRUCK & TRACTOR.** For all your farming equipment needs contact one of their friendly salesmen at **387-4160,** or stop by Scott Truck & Tractor located at **I-20, 165 BY-PASS NORTH.**

RIGHT: The halls of Ouachita serve as one huge bulletin board plastered with posters announcing dances, urging students to vote, and supplying information about extra-curricular activities. FAR RIGHT: Even with uncompleted ceilings, the flourescent fixtures cast a whole new light on the halls. BOTTOM FAR RIGHT: Robin Bramble and Christy Johnson add a personal touch as they brighten up the halls with Christmas spirit. BELOW RIGHT: Sophomores Doug Young, Tim Pruitt, and Randy Williams, approve the passersby in the halls during their daily girl watching.

ABOVE: Robert Fuller, owner of **FULLER'S SANITATION SERVICE** located at **1500 SUNSET** in Monroe, directs a capable staff of workers. They can install and clean septic tanks, filter beds, and oxidation ponds. Call them at **325-1421** for a price quotation on the finest in sanitation services.

Students Trip Lightly Down the Halls

Strolling down the corridors of Ouachita, students and faculty encountered a whole new look and whole new difficulties. At the beginning of the 76-77 year, the halls showed signs of changes made and planned. Large cartons of acoustic ceiling and men hanging from scaffolds cluttered the halls.

These improvements helped students survive the humid heat in the school. Air conditioners were neatly installed, but the completion of connecting pipes and hoses lasted for months. As the construction progressed, running into boxes, avoiding craftsmen working over lockers and keeping a watchful eye out for dropping trash, were hectic for everyone going from class to class.

NJROTC Is Rewarding

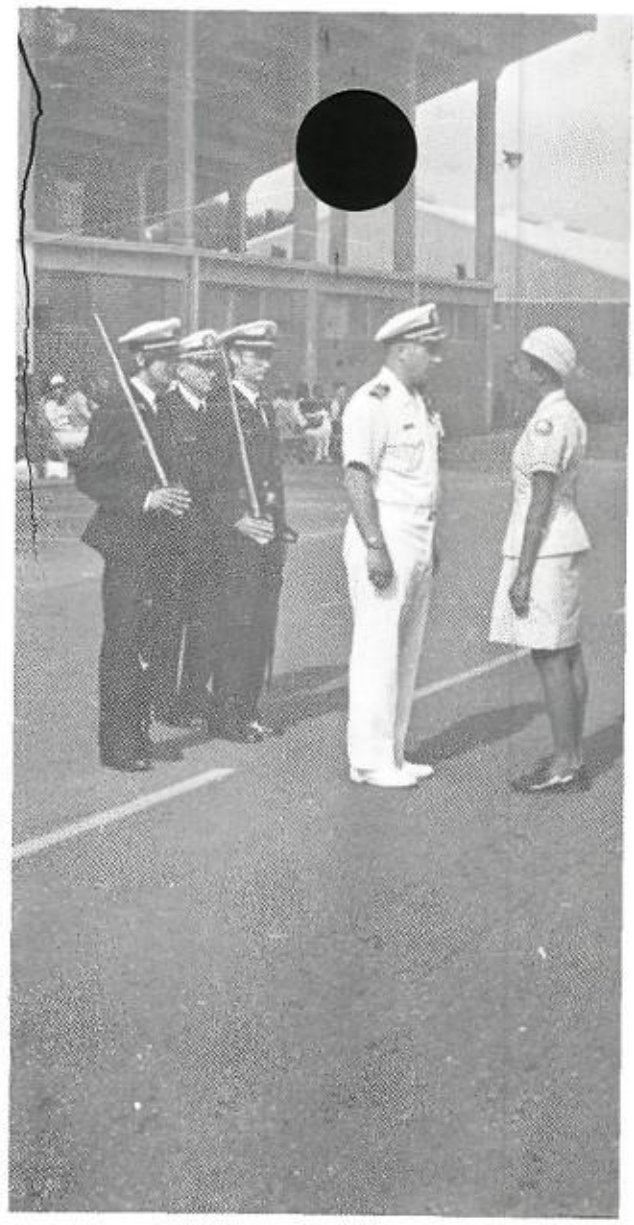
During the month of May, a special day is set aside for one of the largest programs in Ouachita. The NJROTC Review and Awards Day Celebration.

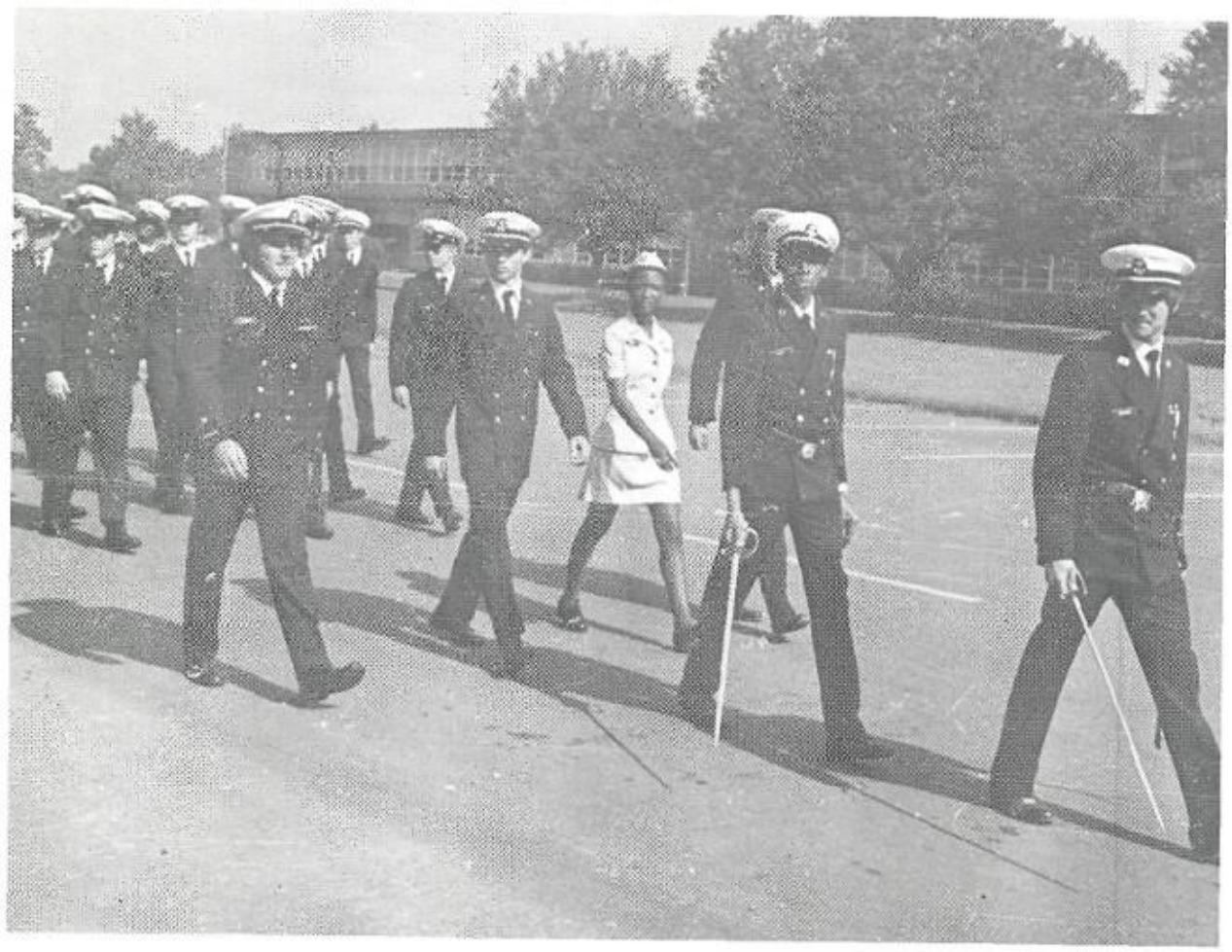
Early in the morning the excited cadets gathered in front of the stadium, awaiting the arrival of Captain Picciuolo, who was the inspecting officer for the day. He later spoke on patriotism during the awards portion of the program.

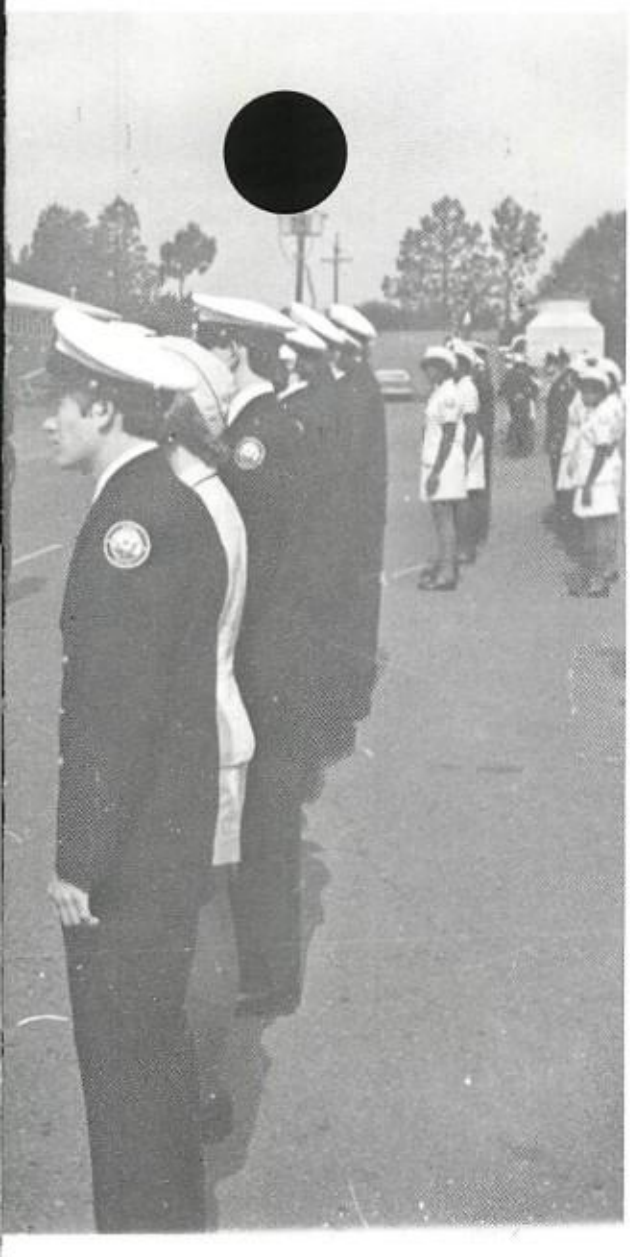
Passing the inspection was not an easy task. The cadets were examined on neatness, haircut, and on overall dress.

After the inspection the cadets proceeded with the awards. Many cadets felt the excitement of hearing their names called for winning various awards.

After the ceremony, the relieved cadets were weary from the heat, but strong in the knowledge of passing one of the toughest tests in the NJROTC program.







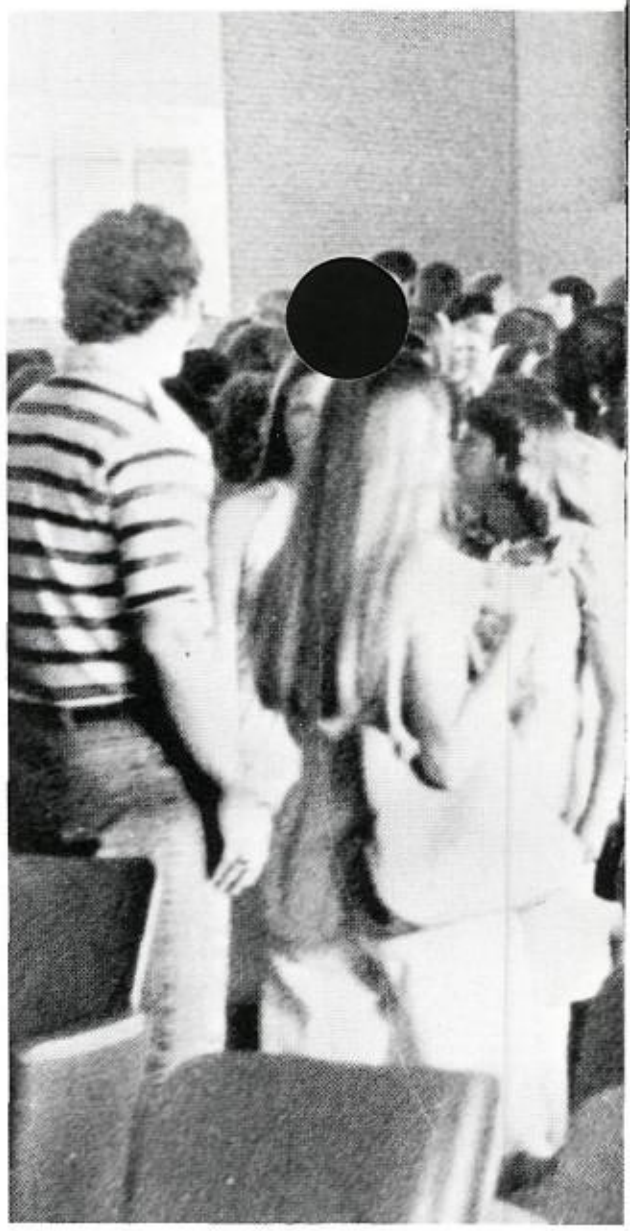
LEFT: Cadets march past Captain Piciuolo for the marching portion of the review. TOP CENTER: Captain Piciuolo examines a cadet for over all neatness and dress. FAR LEFT: Mr. Zametto presents Steve Jackson with an honorary award. LEFT CENTER: Cadets continue with the marching inspection. ABOVE RIGHT: Mrs. Ruth Fleming presents Danny Van with the Veteran of Foreign Wars Award. ABOVE: Mr. Zametto presents Volander Hoard with an award.

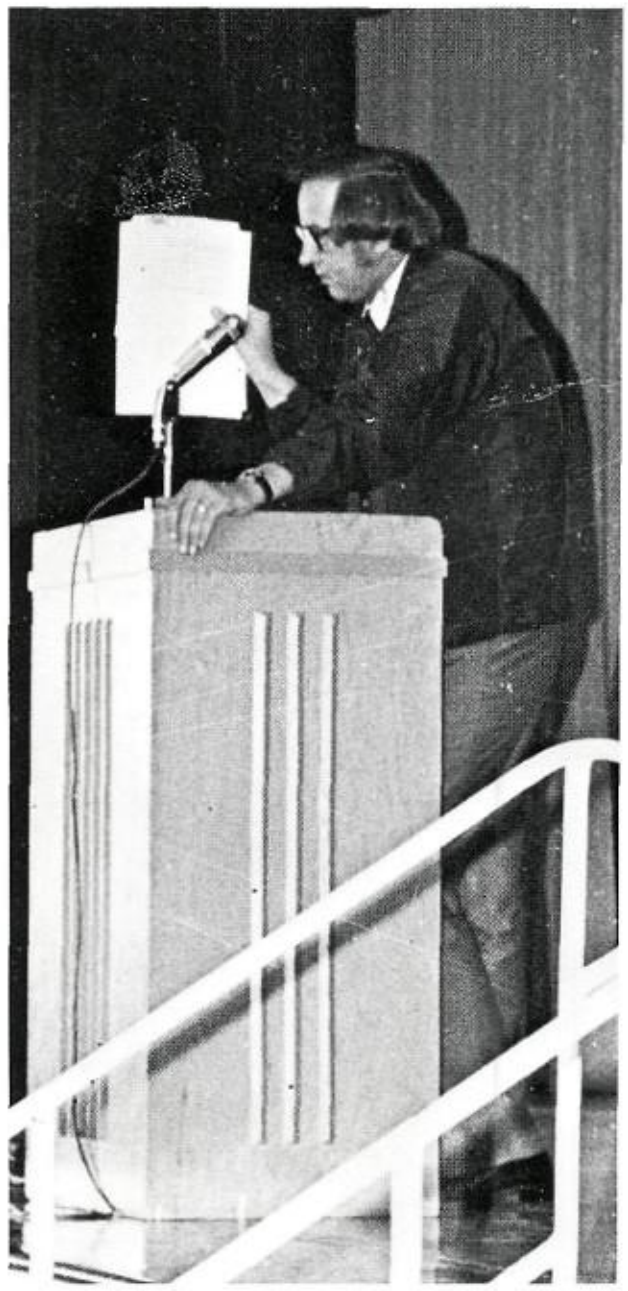
Accomplishments Bring Out Senior Lion Pride

"I can't believe we won!" "He broke the state record?!" "I wish Mr. Howell wasn't leaving." The year was full of highlights. The class of 1977 had a year filled with excitement and accomplishments.

The 8 to 7 victory, over Neville, highlighted football season. A winning basketball and baseball team added a glow of pride to the Lions. And a year filled with trophies and satisfactory ratings made spring noteworthy for the band and choir.

Personal accomplishments resulted in scholarships to universities, and A's on end-of-year term papers added a feeling of achievement for seniors. The issuing of caps and gowns, cards, and invitations were final reminders that the end of high school was in sight. Last minute plans were changed for senior trips and preparations for college were made in the final frantic transition from being one of 338 Ouachita Seniors to being one of thousands of Ouachita alumni.





BELOW: Shannon Graves browses through the fashionable dresses at the Palace Downtown. For the girl and guy with expensive taste but a tight billfold, the Palace offers the finest in everything from clothes to silver and china. Visit the PALACE, 208 DESIARD Phone, 322-8131.

TOP LEFT: The senior class of '77 makes its last exit from Ouachita auditorium. BOTTOM FAR LEFT: Seniors gather in the auditorium to discuss their graduation ceremony. BOTTOM CENTER LEFT: Mr. Fontenot instructs senior students on the graduation procedures. LEFT: Cheryl Tucker turns to receive her long-awaited cap and gown.

People Rock on to Midnight

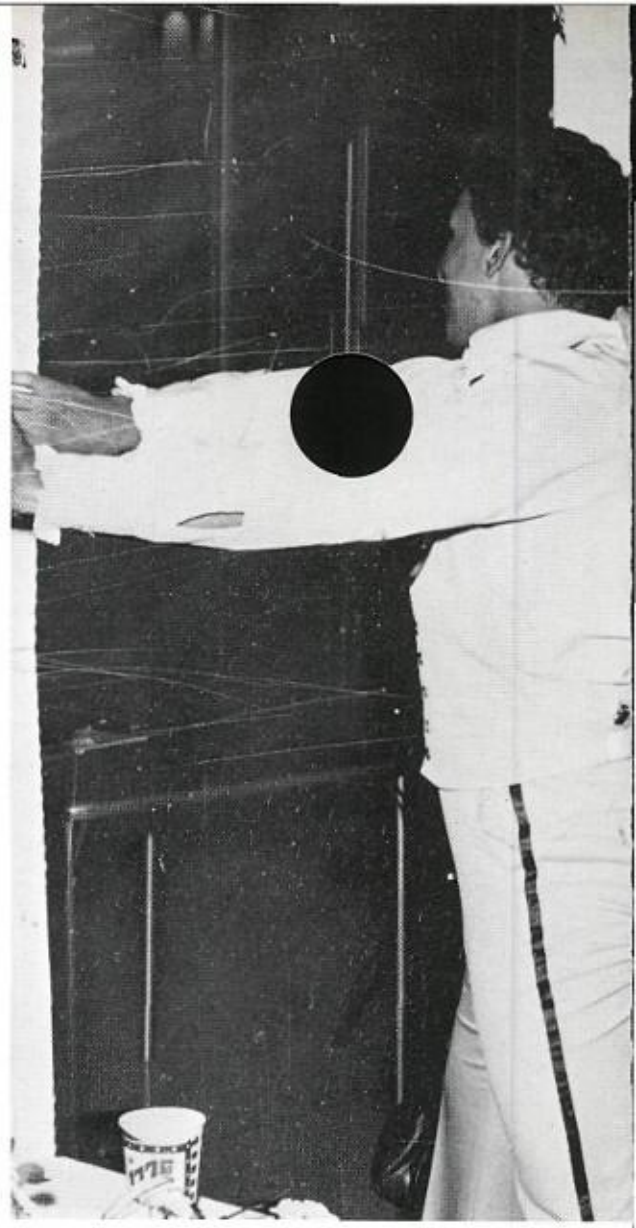
"The Prom was a great success! Thank you juniors, for all the time and effort you put forth to make our Senior Prom fantastic," announced Lanny Spence, representing the class of '77. A warm night, excitement in the air, and over 300 couples dressed to a "T" helped to make "A Southern Dream" reality.

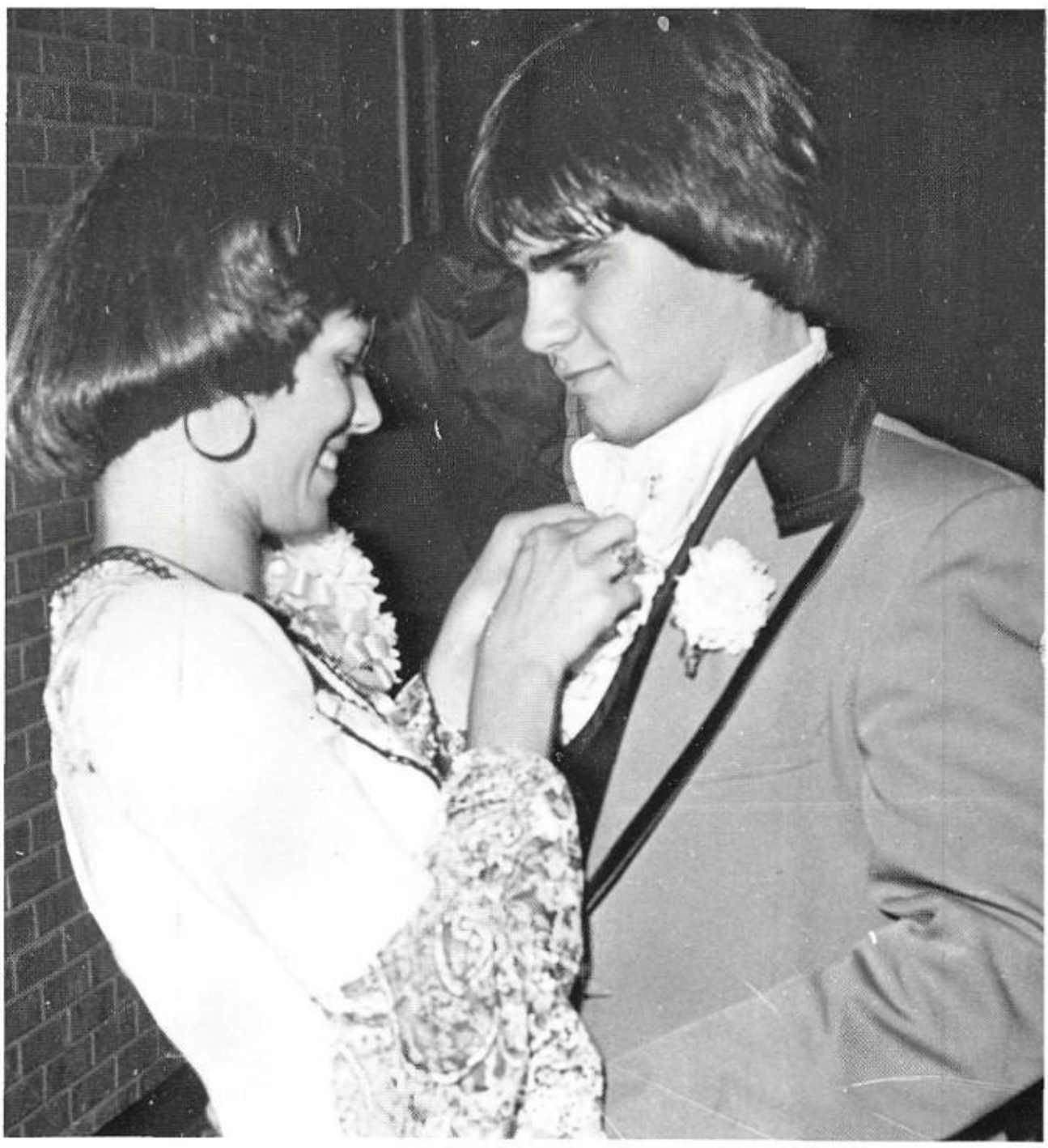
Early Friday morning, 25 students were excused from classes to decorate the Civic Center Conference Hall. Under the supervision of Mr. David Peske, students combined over $1,000 worth of decorations to produce an image of an antebellum ballroom.

Students and teachers all commented on the "gorgeous array of decorations."

"Earth," once again provided "jam" for the Prom. The conference hall rocked as "Walk This Way" and "Standin' On Shaky Ground" blasted from Peavy amps. Students danced away the night from 8 to 12 p. m. Even a few chaperones tried out their feet dancing to the younger generation's music.

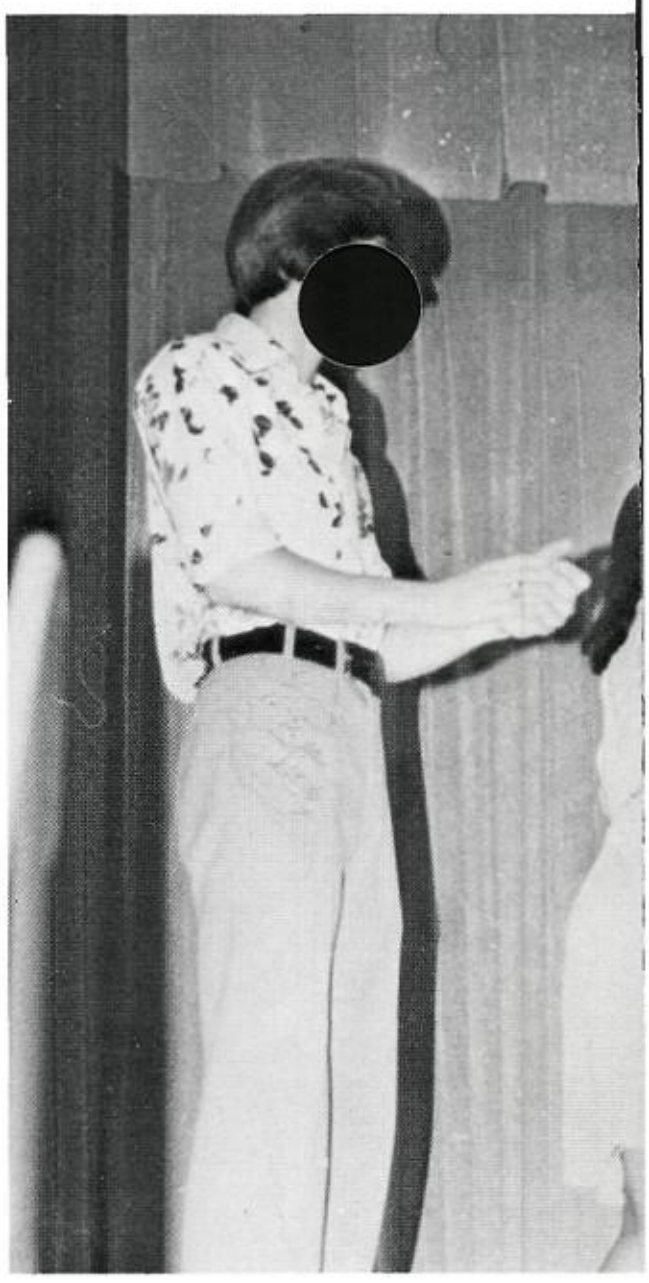
With the hard work students, parents, and teachers contributed, the 77 prom really was a dream come true.



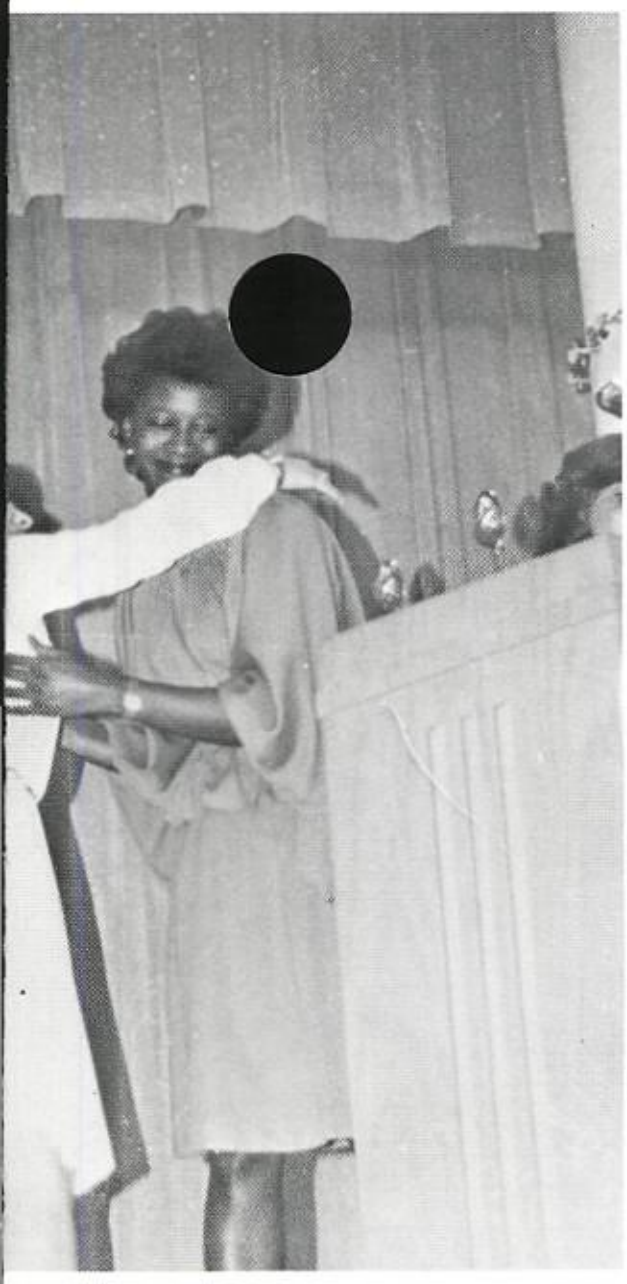


LEFT: Rusty Benton selects the perfect tuxedo for that special occasion. **ACME TUXEDO** in **WEST MONROE** has a complete line of "After Six" tuxedos and dinner jackets. Whether it's a wedding or Prom. Acme Tuxedo can make the date special.

FAR LEFT: Mr. Halbrook and Adrian Frost give a first hand look at the consequences of disruptive behavior at the prom. BOTTOM FAR LEFT: Bruce Redden and Tara McCann pose for their first prom pictures at Ouachita. They were one of the 300 couples who had pictures made. BOTTOM LEFT: Debra McBroom adjusts Scott Rainwater's tie before they pose for Prom pictures. BELOW: Ouachita students "jam down" to the sound of Earth.



TOP LEFT: Student Government's stage decorations for the awards ceremony. LEFT: Laura Causey smiles after accepting the Most Outstanding Anchor Club Member Award. ABOVE: Connie McCain and Steve Huey receive the Speech Award for three years of speech participation from student teacher Debra Gary. RIGHT: Larry Johnson and Christel Sharp are honored with the Black American Legion Award.



Scholars' Ships Harbor at Ouachita

Many area universities offered scholarships to Ouachita students planning to major in various fields. Factors determining scholarships include grades, skill, and attitude.

Among the awards given were those for athletics, speech, journalism, math, and special awards from state and local clubs and organizations.

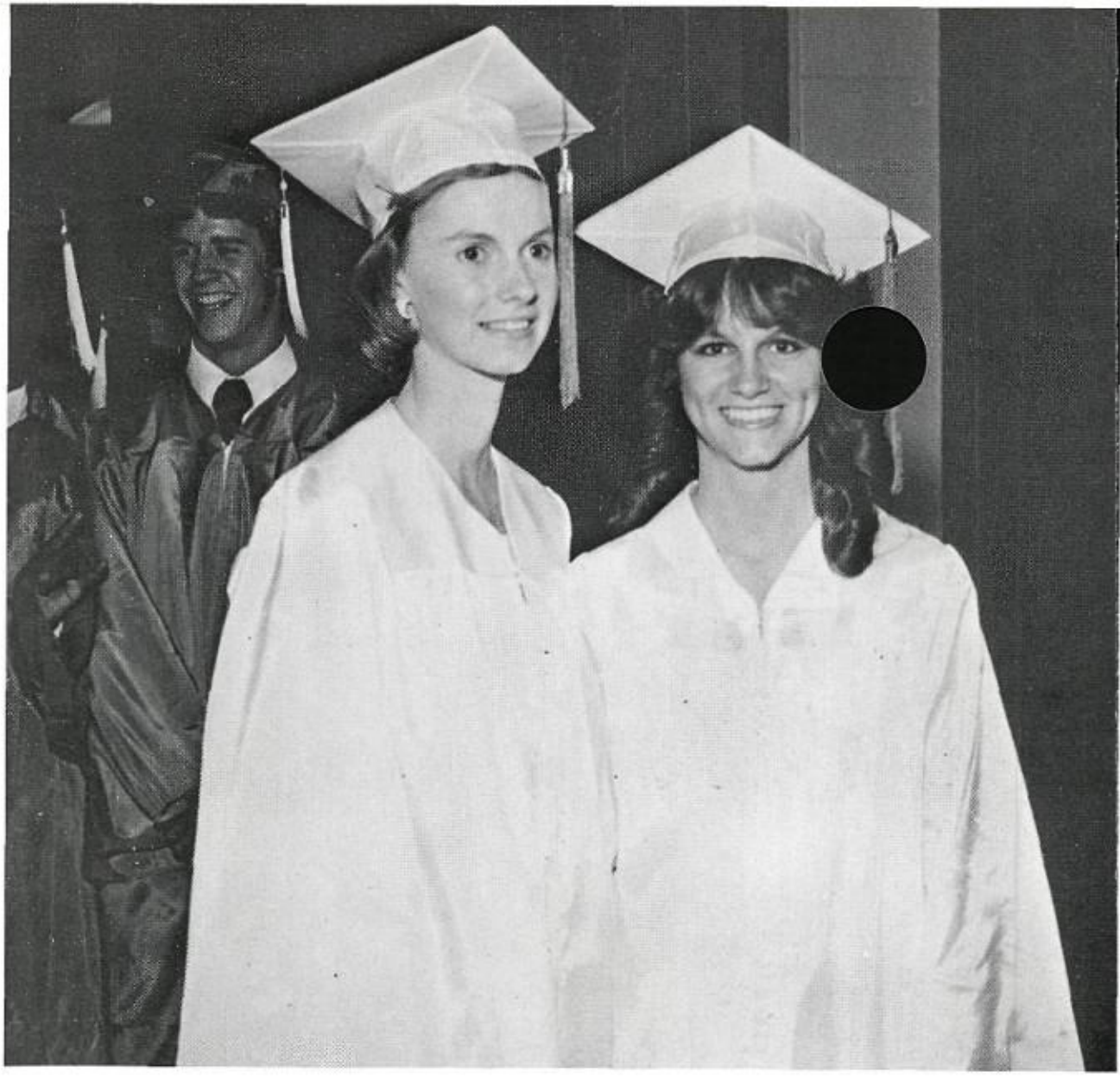
Few people realize an award is not only a great experience. It is an honor well earned. The full aspect of Awards Day is to recognize the achievements of students who put forth the extra effort needed to earn awards.

This was a day sophomores and juniors came to the realization that their day was upcoming and awards are hard earned. It presented a goal for which they could strive.

Five Girls Are Selected Honor Top Graduates

Twelve long years of reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic paid off for valedictorians Jana Jones, Sarah Lucas, and Michele Walker, each of whom maintained a perfect grade average of 4.0. Bonnie Turnbow and Vicki Kilpatrick shared the victory by being salutatorians with 3.96 averages. "Lugging all those books around finally paid off!" remarked Jana Jones.

As if echoing her feeling, Mr. Howell said, "I'm very pleased with the senior class of '77," during commencement exercises. The senior class showed enthusiasm, leadership and creativity during the school year, preparing for the biggest pay off—a successful future.



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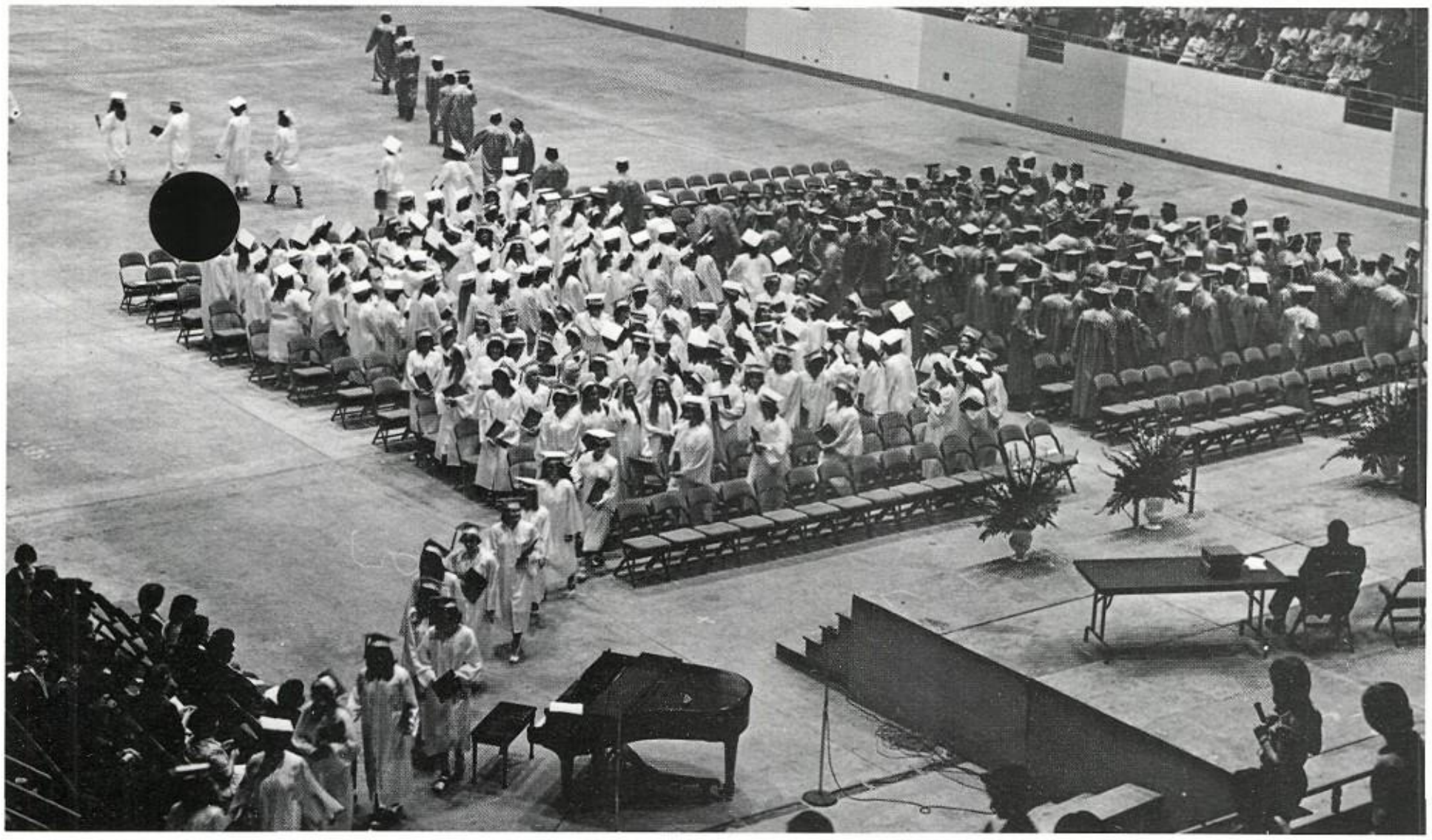
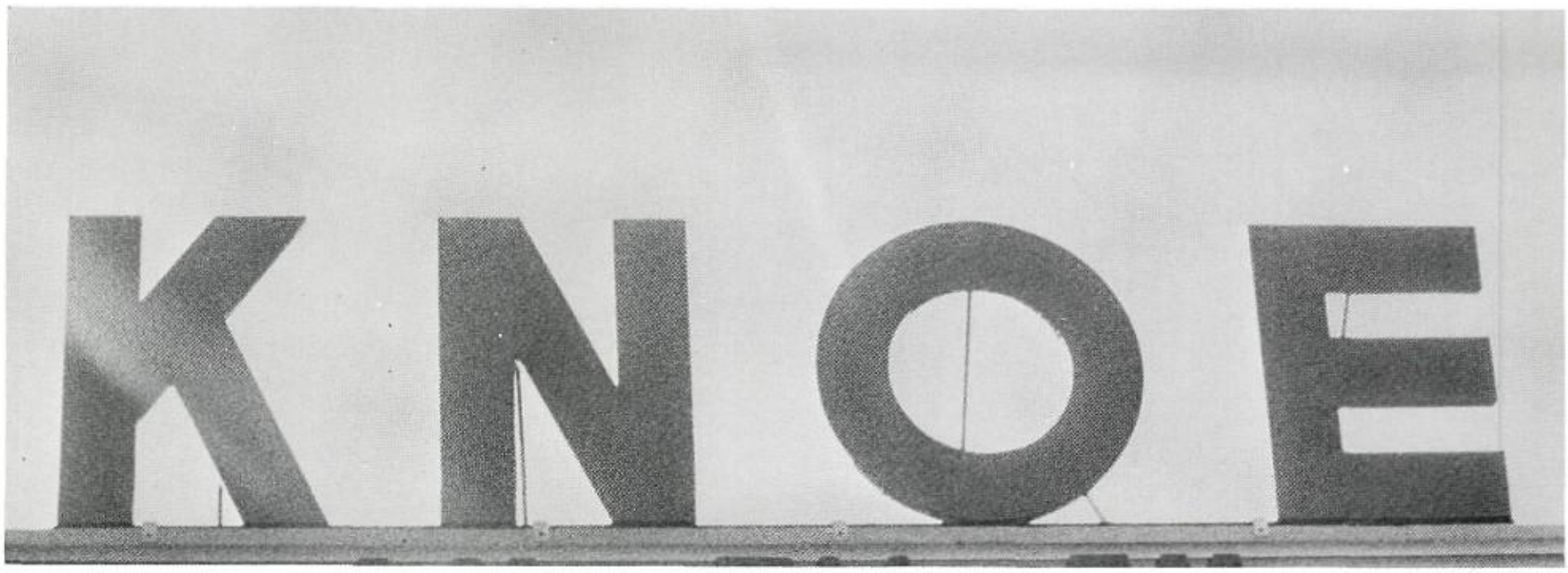


TOP FAR LEFT: Vickie Kilpatrick and Bonnie Turnbow, salutatorians for 1977, beam with Lion pride. ABOVE: The new Ouachita alumni make their exit from the Civic Center Arena. LEFT: Valedictorians Sarah Lucas, Jana Jones, and Michele Walker enjoy the last moments of perfect 4.0 high school careers.



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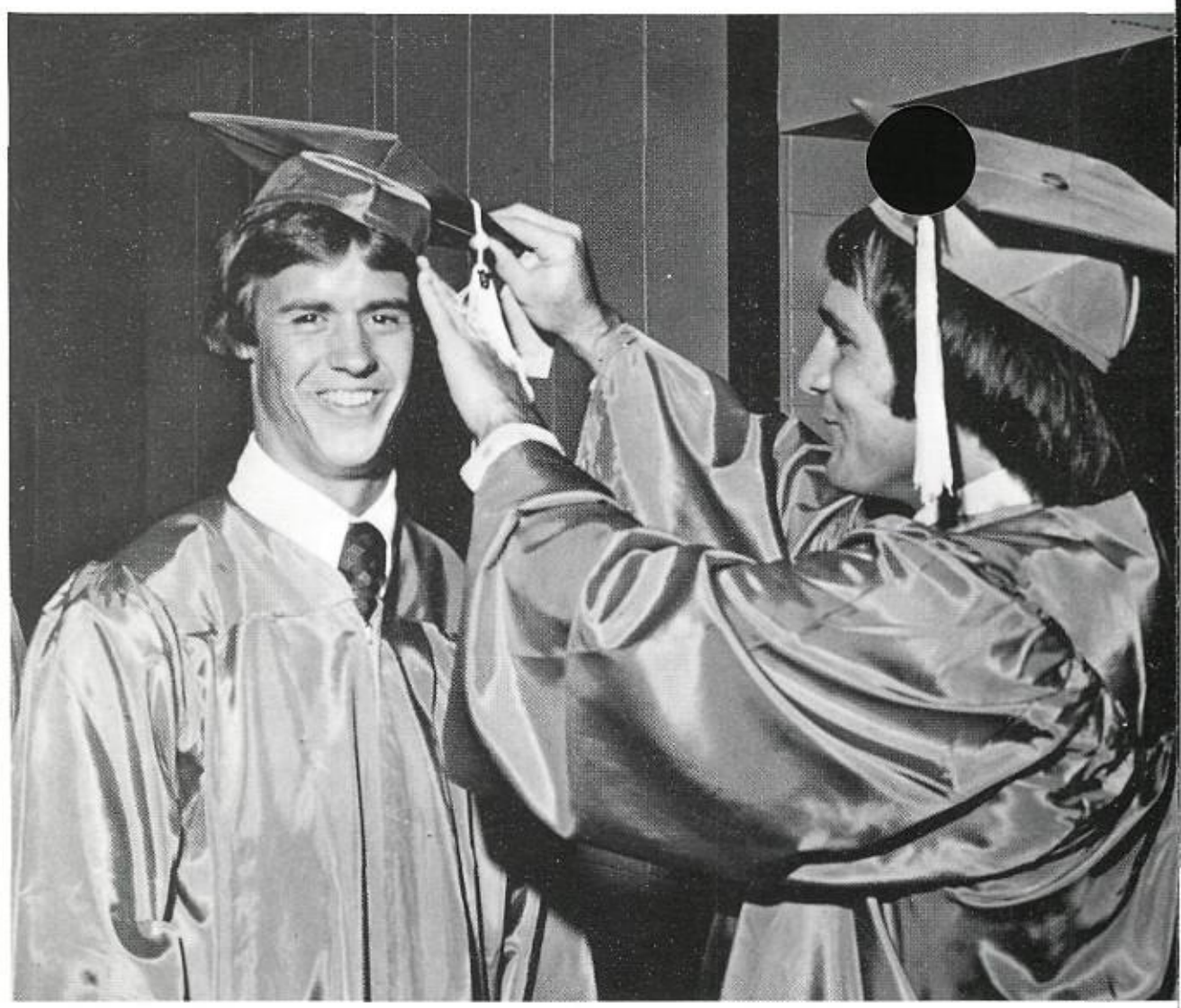
Seniors Come to End of the Line

As the familiar sound of "Pomp and Circumstance" filled the Civic Center Arena, parents, friends, and relatives rose from their seats to honor the seniors of '77 for twelve years of hard work. The 338 students of the senior class filed into the arena in two lines, girls in one, guys in the other.

Mr. S. T. Howell, principal, also served as guest speaker, discussing the victory of accomplishments and challenges of downfalls with the seniors. Having been principal of Ouachita for seventeen years, Mr. Howell has shared a certain closeness with every senior class. He noted that he had just experienced a graduation of his own, promotion to Superintendent of Ouachita schools.

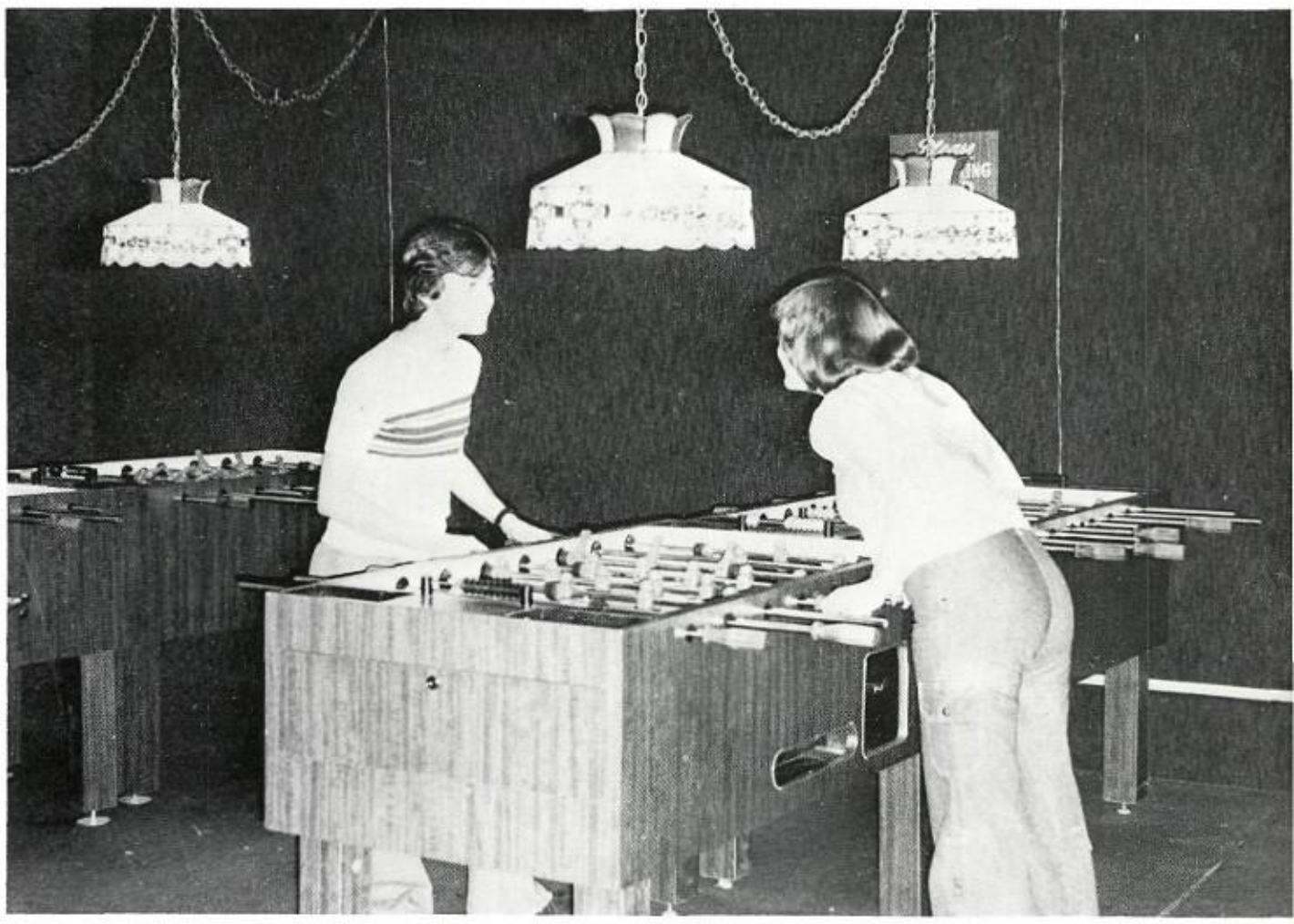
After the ceremony the new Ouachita alumni burst into tears and laughter with parents and friends. To some, the reality that they might never again see fellow classmates gave way to pangs of sadness. Their three years of Ouachita had to be packed away with other memories, leaving a world of new goals and friends, all touched with Lion spirit.

TOP: Graduates are congratulated by their parents and fellow students. BOTTOM: Randy Williams buys parts for his car from **WALTER'S AUTOMOTIVE PARTS,** located at **308 CRYER** in West Monroe, Walter's Automotive Parts Inc. has all the products you need for minor maintenance and repairs of your vehicle.



LEFT: Drew Haynes gives Lanny Spence a hand with his cap and hair before the ceremony begins. BELOW: The graduating class of 1977 looks on as speeches are made.

LEFT: A sign of quality familiar to Ouachita students is that of **ELIAS'** in the **EAST GATE SHOPPING CENTER**. Elias' has a selection of shoes, jeans, and other clothes at prices to suit every budget. BELOW LEFT: Garnett's Sports not only has a wide assortment of trophies but also equipment to outfit the most rugged athlete. Let Garnett's be your sporting goods center. Come by **GARNETT'S SPORTS, 2200 NORTH 7th, WEST MONROE,** or call 388-2721. BELOW: When Steve Price and Sarah Powell want to play games, they go to the Nickelodeon. The **NICKELODEON** has foosball, pinball, and lots of other electronic games for your enjoyment. The next time you're in the **TWIN CITY MALL,** stop in at the Nickelodeon.



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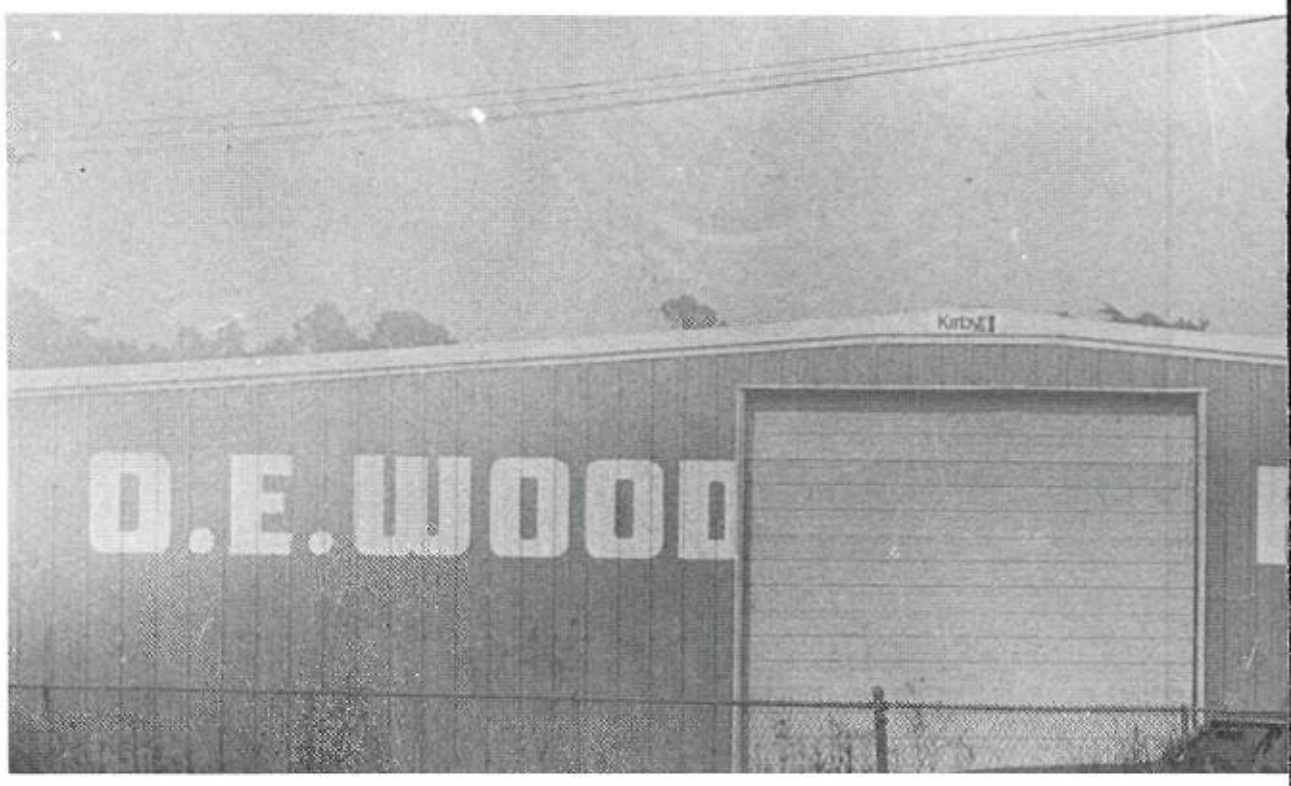

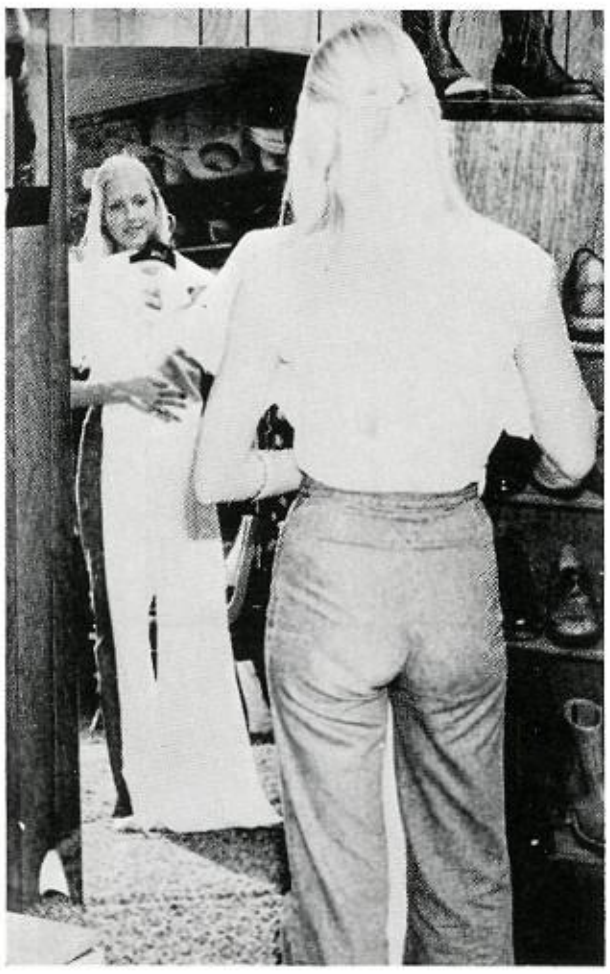

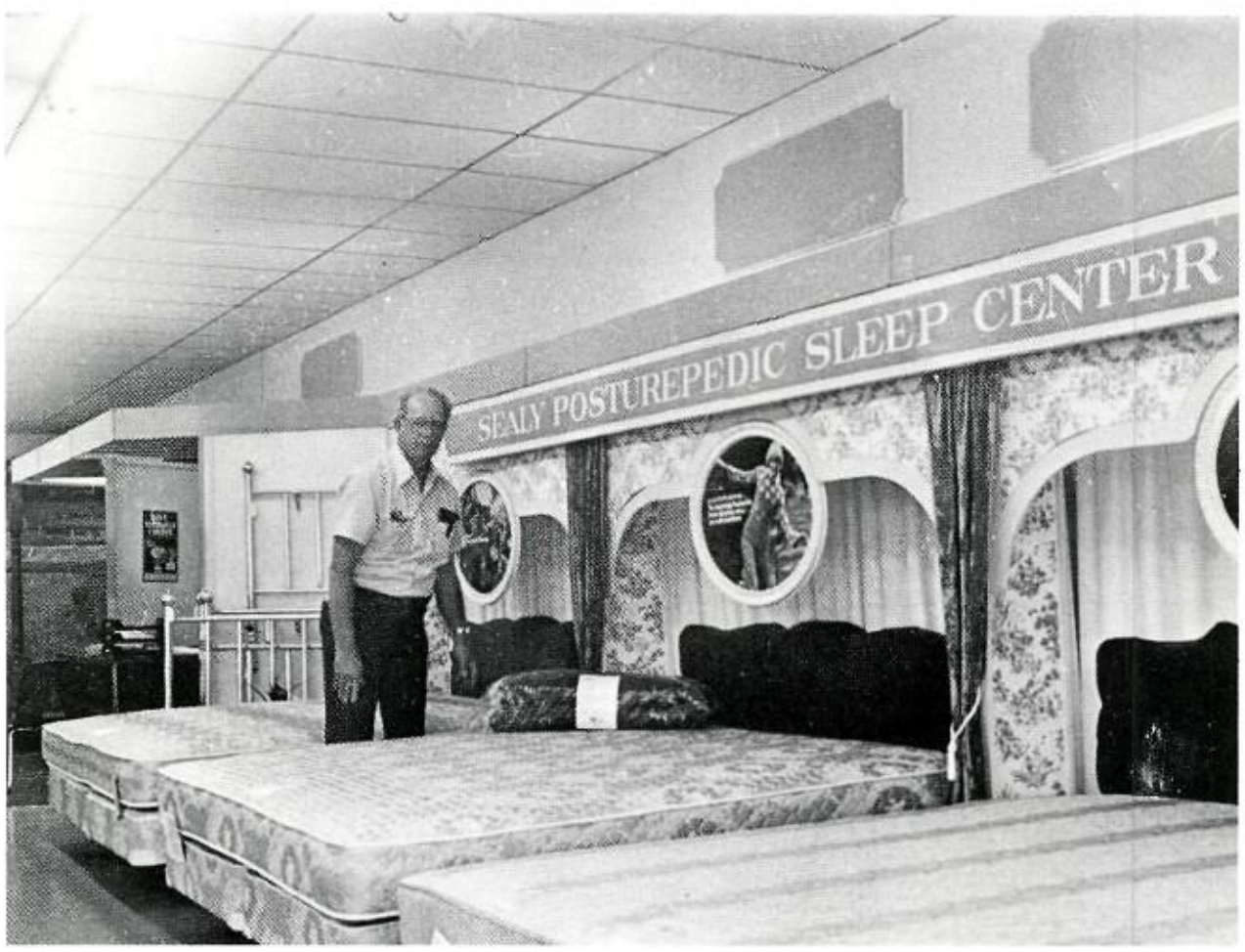

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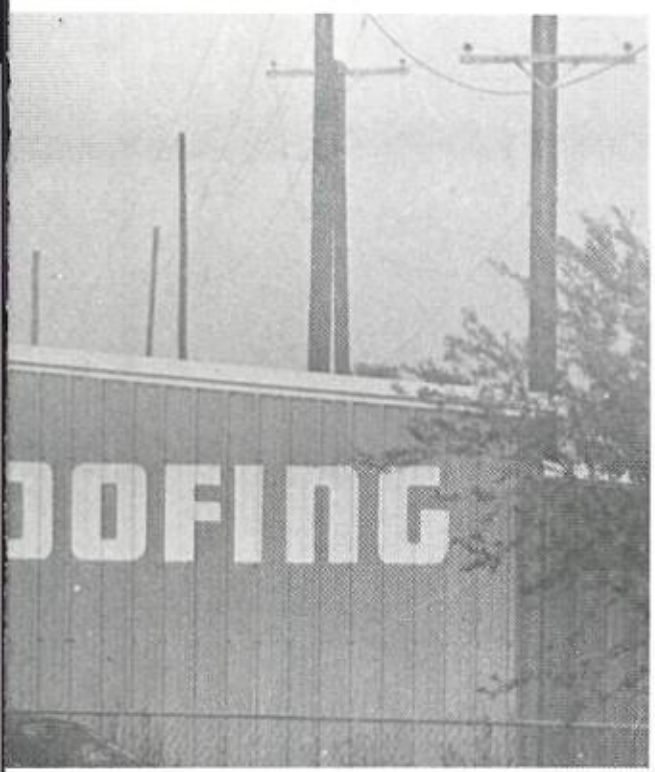
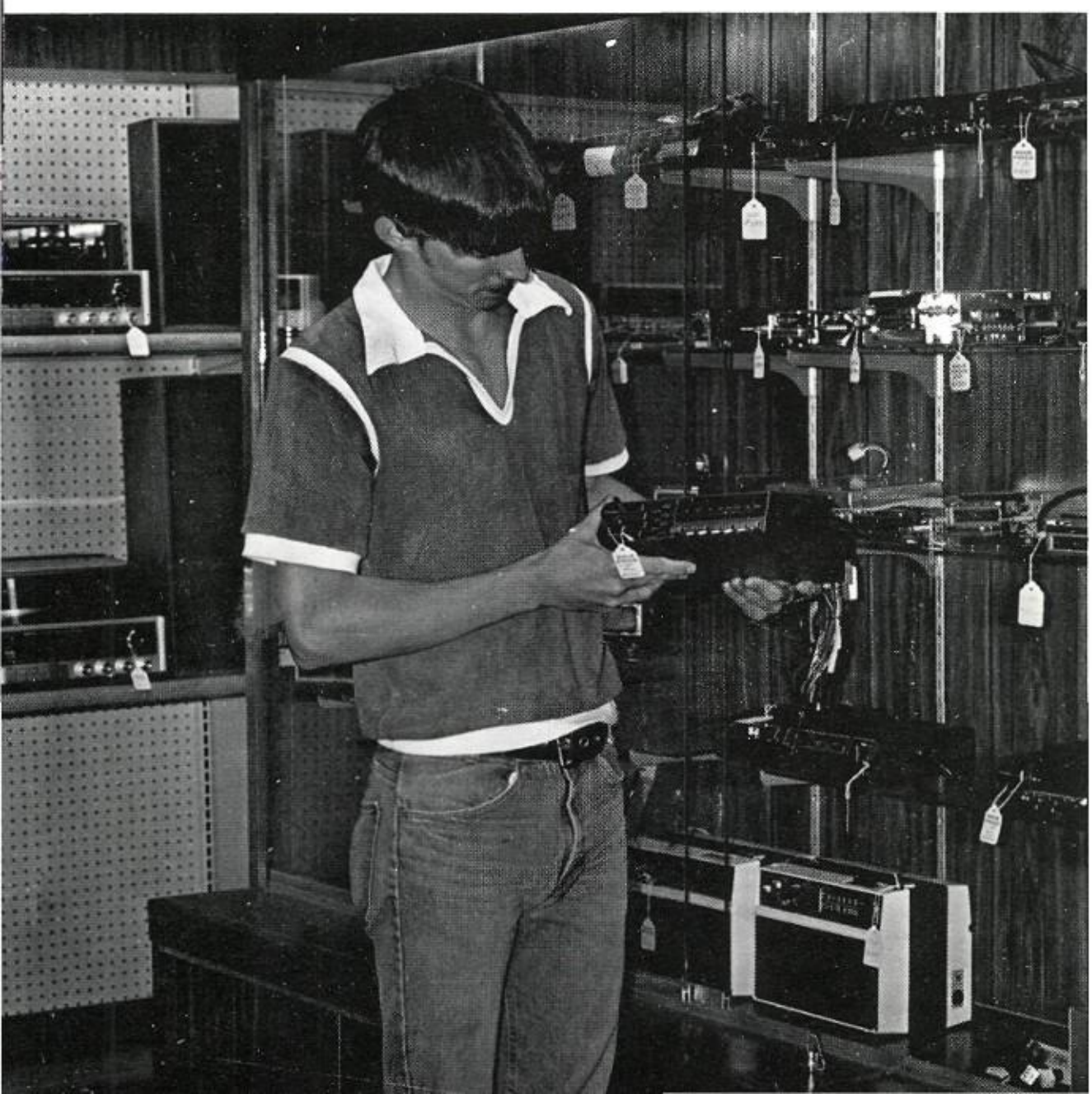


LEFT: Here at Southside Drugs, Judy Thornell selects her favorite mascara from the large display of different colors. For any prescription or beauty aid visit **SOUTHSIDE DRUGS INC.** at **1514 SOUTH SECOND** or give them a call at **322-7106.**



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Everyone was a part of the wholeness this year

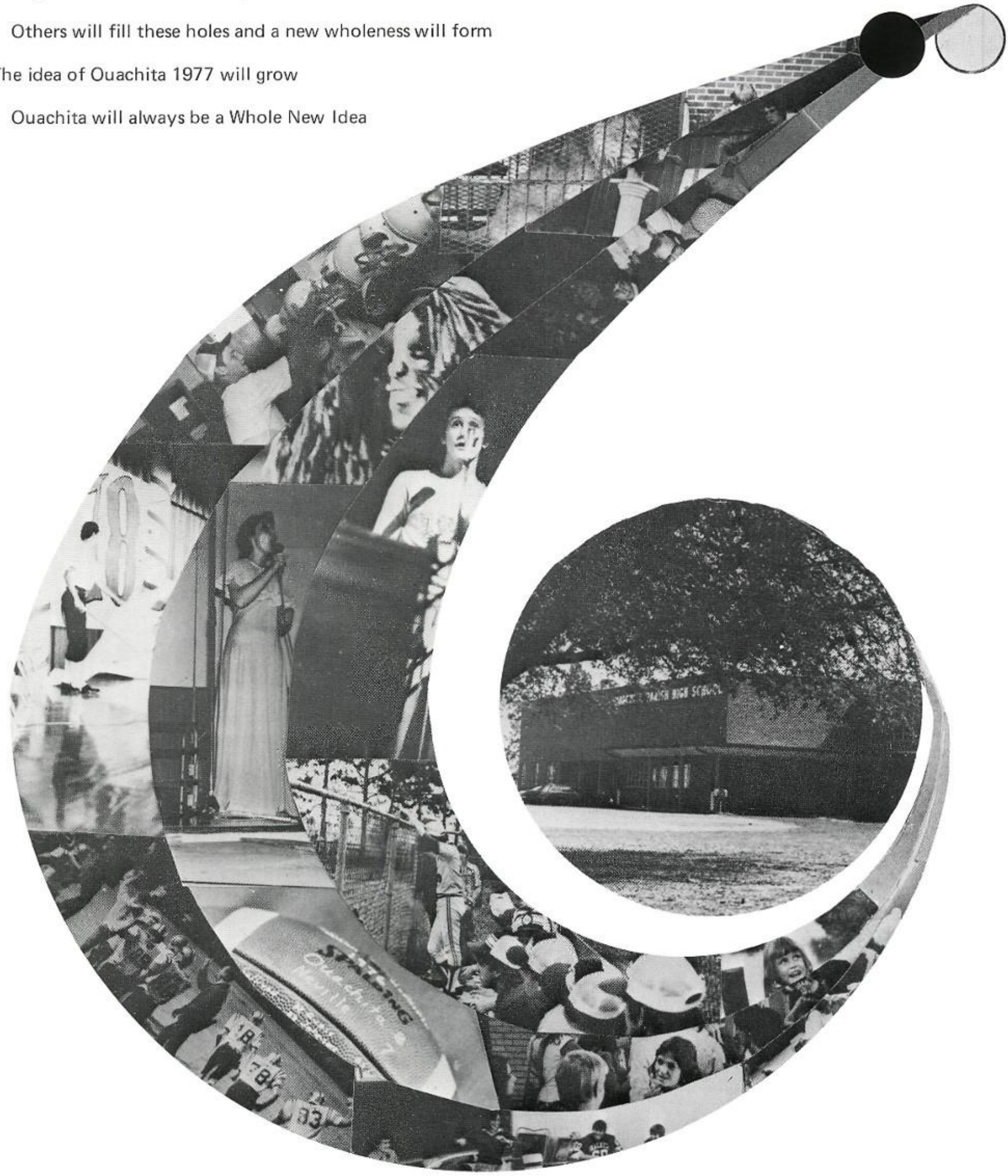
But nothing ever remains the same

Changes in student and faculty will leave holes

Others will fill these holes and a new wholeness will form

The idea of Ouachita 1977 will grow

Ouachita will always be a Whole New Idea



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Three Ouachita students died just after the closing of school. Graduate Johnny Robinson was drowned, and Terri Towery and graduate Greg Walker were killed in a car wreck.

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1959 - 1977

Terri Towery
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Greg Walker
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